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effect that he felt relieved as he had slipped off a bundle. HAGER advised that [redacted] mechanic at the Ace Cab Company in St. Louis, had been the only individual with the exception of his wife he had told anything concerning HALL. He stated that when he gassed up his taxi on the morning of October 6, 1953 he had advised [redacted] he had a good pay load the night before and expected them again that day. HAGER further advised in connection with the apprehension of HALL that he waited in the corridor of the apartment building at the request of Lieutenant SHOULDERS, who emerged from the apartment carrying one of the metal suitcases and requested him to place it in the back seat of SHOULDERS' car and to wait in the rental car, after which he was to follow the police car to the station. He did as directed and approximately five to ten minutes after arriving at the rental car he observed SHOULDERS carrying the other metal trunk, subject HALL and Officer BOLAN carrying the leather suitcase emerged from the front door of the apartment building and enter the police car. He stated that Officer BOLAN and he found the briefcase and HALL's gun in the apartment later. He stated that the only luggage known to him to be in the Town Home apartment at any time consisted of the two metal trunks and the leather suitcase and briefcase he had purchased for HALL. b7(c)

He further advised that he estimated the distance traveled by HALL while alone in the rented car on the afternoon of October 6 at between sixty and eighty miles. HAGER said he also recalled that on his return to Coral Courts at approximately 10:30 p.m. on the evening of October 5 SANDRA O'DAY advised him that HALL had been asleep a total of about one hour since HAGER's absence and that she had gone downstairs and made two telephone calls and would have brought back ice cubes had she remembered the pitcher.

HAGER stated that during his handling of the two metal trunks on numerous occasions during October 5th and 6th he was of the opinion that each of them were somewhat heavier than luggage carried by airline passengers with forty-pound weight limits. He was unable to estimate the weight of the cases but stated that during his experience with them he never noticed them becoming appreciably lighter. He stated that he had always carried them one at a time because of their bulk and weight.

At the conclusion of the above interview SA [redacted] drove HAGER to the Lincoln Hotel, 2226 Olive, which is a very small hotel and b7(c)

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assisted him in moving his personal effects from a small room which he occupied on the second floor to Room 502 at the Claridge Hotel where he now resides with his wife. All of HAGER's personal effects were contained in a foot locker and SA [REDACTED] observed everything that was placed into the locker and assisted him in removing the locker from the room and placing it in the Bureau automobile. It was specifically noted that he had no currency among his personal effects. He is registered at the Claridge Hotel, under the alias of JOHN YOUNG. *Mo.*

HAGER was again re-interviewed by Special Agents [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] for more detailed information concerning certain portions of his statement on the afternoon of October 11, 1953 in the immediate vicinity of the Claridge Hotel in St. Louis, Missouri. At this time he advised that during the trip down to the taxi stand at Oakland and Hampton Avenues, St. Louis, with O'DAY subsequent to his arrival at Coral Courts on the morning of October 6, she opened an envelope given her by HALL, pulled out the letter and read it out loud to him. He did not observe the key in the envelope and did not recall having touched it although he could have touched the letter.

As to his rental of the Plymouth automobile, he stated he obtained it from the company shortly after 8 a.m. on the morning of October 6 and drove to a luggage store at 1824 Washington, St. Louis, where he purchased a leather two-suit suitcase and a leather briefcase as requested by HALL after which he drove immediately to Coral Courts. He then brought O'DAY to a taxi stand at Hampton and Oakland Avenues, St. Louis, and returned to the cabin for HALL, after which they drove to Hampton and Chippewa in St. Louis where the car was turned over to HALL.

He next saw HALL the same evening at Coral Courts at approximately 4:30 to 5 p.m. after which they drove to Boyd's Men's Store in Clayton, Missouri and returned down U. S. Highway 66 to McKenzie Road where they had a bottle of beer and a sandwich after which they went to Coral Courts. They then proceeded to the apartment at Town House in St. Louis, thence to the police station and on the following morning to the rental agency where the car was turned in. He noted the car had been driven a total of 133 miles and based upon the above resume of his own travel in it, he reached the conclusion that HALL had driven it approximately 80 miles.

The above was obtained in order that a detailed itinerary of the car as he knew it might be known.

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HAGER then gave information concerning his arrival with HALL at the Town House apartment and subsequent events as follows.

They arrived at approximately 7 to 7:15 p.m. on October 6, 1953 and parked at the side entrance. An old man by the door was requested to obtain a bellboy to take the luggage upstairs. The old man removed the luggage from the automobile to a hand truck at the entrance-way after which the bellboy took the luggage upstairs. The bellboy obtained the wrong key for the apartment which necessitated his returning downstairs for the right one at least twice. HAGER accompanied him on one trip. The wrong apartment was opened with one of the keys and was found to be occupied, whereupon the bellboy apologized for the intrusion. On being admitted to the proper apartment HAGER tipped the bellboy \$2.00 and HALL ordered two bottles of coca-cola brought to the room. HAGER decreased the order to one, telling HALL that he would have to leave to get the girl HALL wanted and if she had a friend they would both throw a party. HALL asked how long it would take and HAGER estimated approximately a half hour. HAGER glanced at his watch at this time and noticed it was exactly 7:20 p.m. HALL expressed satisfaction at the living quarters. HAGER immediately left the apartment, descended by the self-service elevator and left the apartment by the same side entrance originally used.

He closed the trunk of the car, circled around in back of an adjoining hotel and out on Pershing Avenue to the intersection of Union and parked the car approximately one half block north of the intersection of Union Boulevard. He sat there five to ten minutes after which he got out of the car for a moment, returned to it and reparked it on the north side of Pershing approximately thirty feet from the corner of the intersection. In a few minutes an automobile containing Lieutenant SHOULDERS and Officer DOLAN of the St. Louis Police Department (DOLAN being in police uniform) pulled up almost directly opposite HAGER's car on the other side of the street, headed in the opposite direction. SHOULDERS came over and HAGER told him as much as he could of his association with HALL with particular reference to HALL's possession of a firearm. At SHOULDERS' request HAGER accompanied SHOULDERS and DOLAN to the apartment for the purpose of pointing it out. SHOULDERS requested that HAGER remain in the shadows of the corridor to prevent being seen by HALL. On knocking three times at the door and announcing "STEVE, this is JOHN" HALL opened the door and both officers, with drawn pistols burst into the room. HAGER then walked down the corridor to

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the left ten to fifteen feet and waited an undetermined period after which Lieutenant SHOULDERS emerged from the room carrying one of the metal trunks. He requested HAGER to place it on the rear seat of the police car, to then go to his own car and "scrouch down so you can't be seen" when the officers appeared with subject HALL so he could not be seen after which he was to follow the police car to the station. HAGER did as directed and approximately five to ten minutes later observed Lieutenant SHOULDERS carrying the other metal trunk, subject HALL and Officer DOLAN carrying the leather luggage case emerged from the front door of the apartment building and proceed directly to the police car. He followed the police car to the station, noting that DOLAN was driving and that both officers and the subject were in the front seat. He estimated that they left the apartment at approximately 8:30 p.m.

On arriving at the station HAGER parked in an alley to the side and rear of the station and waited until he was called by Lieutenant SHOULDERS, as previously instructed by him. HAGER estimated that he waited in the car approximately one hour before entering the station. At that time Lieutenant SHOULDERS requested him to accompany Officer DOLAN in a police car back to the apartment to search for HALL's pistol which had not been found. He and DOLAN went directly to the apartment and subjected the room to a brief intensive search which resulted in DOLAN's discovery of the pistol in the drawer of the telephone stand beneath a folded piece of paper or paper bag. HAGER was unable to remember which of them discovered the briefcase or where it was when found but was sure it had been found at that time and was of the opinion it had been on one of the beds and was open.

They came down by the self-service elevator and Officer DOLAN engaged in conversation with an unidentified woman (determined to be the manager of the apartment) for a moment, after which they returned to the police station. During this trip HALL's shirts, his hat, belt and a partially used bottle of whiskey were obtained and taken to the station. HAGER was unable to recall whether or not HALL was handcuffed when being transported to the 11th District Station. After remaining in the automobile at the rear side of the station for approximately one hour, Lieutenant SHOULDERS motioned him to enter the station which he did. Chief O'CONNELL of the St. Louis Police Department, and SAC JOSEPH E. THORNTON had not arrived as of that time. Shortly after entering he was requested to return to the apartment with Officer DOLAN

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as above noted. On returning to the station, Officer DOLAN unloaded the gun and exhibited it to other officers present. HAGER waited in the hall until Chief O'CONNELL and the FBI men arrived, after which someone requested him to go to the Captain's Office where he was introduced to Chief O'CONNELL, SAC JOSEPH E. THORNTON and another FBI Agent by Lieutenant SHOULDERS. He began telling them his story but before he finished someone announced that subject HEADY had been apprehended and the interview was concluded. HAGER was sent upstairs by SHOULDERS with a Sergeant to prevent his being seen and he remained there until approximately 6:30 a.m. Wednesday, October 7, at which time he was advised he was free to go if he would keep the police advised of his whereabouts. He drove the car directly to the rental place and turned it in as soon as the establishment opened receiving a refund on his deposit.

He then walked to the corner of Grand and Olive and waited briefly for a streetcar, after which he walked to the Melbourne Hotel and took a cab to his room at the Lincoln Hotel. There he undressed, washed, and tried to sleep but was unsuccessful. After an undetermined period he got up and dressed and walked over to the Ice Cold Company lot to obtain his cab. He then drove out to the west end of St. Louis where, while waiting for a fare, he conversed briefly with another cab driver, [REDACTED]. He then decided to go to his wife's residence, 5017 Page, St. Louis, for a cup of coffee. He told her of the events of the previous evening, cautioning her not to tell anyone. She was extremely upset at his disclosure. He believed that his daughter had not yet gone to school and stated that his wife was dressing to go to work which would place the time at approximately 9:15 to 9:30 a.m. When she finished dressing, he drove her in the cab to her place of employment, Eddie's Loop Cafeteria, in the vicinity of the Katz Drug Store in Wellston, Missouri. He obtained one fare to St. Vincent's Sanitarium from that location, after which he received a radio call to telephone his office. He ascertained by means of the call that Lieutenant SHOULDERS wanted to see him whereupon he returned to the hotel, got cleaned up and went to the 11th District Station and waited upstairs for SHOULDERS. He then determined that SHOULDERS was at the Circuit Attorney's Office, after which he went to a bar next door to wait. After an undetermined time he observed the Lieutenant arrive at the station and upon contacting him was advised to return to the Lincoln Hotel to obtain the money he had received from HALL and turn it in. He did as requested, turning in \$1180.00. He then drove to the residence

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of a sister, [REDACTED] after which he joined his brother-in-law, [REDACTED] and nephew, [REDACTED] at a nearby bar. He then drove his cab to the Ace lot so that another driver could drive the cab during the night. He took a cab back to his sister's residence where he had a cup of coffee with his sister-in-law in the basement. He determined that [REDACTED] was supposed to be in a nearby tavern so he and his nephew went in several bars in an unsuccessful attempt to locate him. They were unsuccessful and returned to the house, after which he and his nephew took two girl friends of his niece, one named SHUGY and the other MAUREEN to Thekla and Kingshighway and somewhere in the vicinity of Chippeva in South St. Louis. HAGER states he was somewhat intoxicated at that time. They stopped at Fagliaacci's Restaurant, Manchester and Kingshighway, for something to eat, after which the nephew took HAGER to the Lincoln Hotel where he retired. b7(c)

He awakened early the following morning, had coffee at a restaurant on 17th and Market, together with a "shot or two", after which he walked to the Ace Cab lot to pick up the envelope of the receipts of his cab for the previous night. At that time he saw the telegram from O'DAY mentioned in his original statement which he obtained. He purchased a newspaper at 18th and Washington, returned to his hotel where the room clerk advised him that Lieutenant SHOULDERS had wanted him. He waited in the hotel lobby where, after an undetermined period, he met Officer DOLAN who took him to the 11th District Headquarters, where he waited until SHOULDERS and the agents who originally interviewed him arrived.

On October 12, 1953 HAGER voluntarily accompanied Special Agents [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] to the St. Louis Office, arriving at 7:45 p.m. and on arrival was asked if he would be willing to submit to a polygraph examination. He declined to submit to such examination, stating that he had been given such an examination by the St. Louis Police Department in late 1949 or early 1950 in connection with his being charged and convicted of writing bogus checks. After examining the typewritten copy of "Consent to Polygraph Examination," he again declined, stating "I have told the truth to the best of my knowledge and I do not want to get involved in it any further." b7(c)

At the time of the original interview with HAGER on October 8, 1953 it was determined from him that his full name is JOHN OLIVER HAGER

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and that he was born in St. Louis County on July 29, 1914, the son of CHARLES F. HAGER and ALICE MARY HAGER, nee JOHNSON, both of whom presently reside at [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] HAGER owns his own cab which he is driving for the Ace Cab Company. He has pursued this occupation since July 7, 1953 prior to which he engaged in the occupation of tool maker and taxi driver. He stated he had no service in the U. S. Armed Forces. He admitted a conviction in St. Louis, Missouri for bogus checks for which he received a sentence of two years on March 16, 1950. He was released on parole on March 16, 1951. He further admitted a conviction for non-support during September of 1947 in the City of St. Louis for which he received a one-year sentence in the St. Louis Workhouse and from which he was paroled after serving one month.

An examination of HAGER's criminal record at the St. Louis Police Department, by SA [REDACTED], disclosed HAGER has [REDACTED] which reflects only the conviction for bogus checks, above mentioned. In connection with this conviction, the Auto Theft Squad of the St. Louis Police Department stated that HAGER purchased twelve or fourteen automobiles with worthless checks and then sold the automobiles during 1949.

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On October 13, 1953 HAGER voluntarily appeared at the St. Louis Office at which time he was voluntarily fingerprinted by SA [REDACTED] and his fingerprint card was forwarded to the FBI at Washington, D. C.

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B. POLLY LANE

POLLY LANE was interviewed by Special Agents [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] on October 7, 1953 at the Eleventh District Police Station, St. Louis, Missouri, where she was in custody of the St. Louis Police Department. Information obtained from her at that time was reduced to a written statement which she read and signed and is as follows:

"St. Louis, Missouri
"October 7, 1953

"I, POLLY LANE, of 2023 North Ninth Street, St. Louis, Missouri, hereby make the following voluntary statement of my own free will to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and who have advised me that I do not have to make a statement, that it may be used against me in court, and that I am entitled to consult an attorney before giving a statement. No force, or threats have been used upon me, and no promises have been made me to obtain this statement, but it is given voluntarily because I want the above agents to know the truth. b7(c)

"SANDY O'DAY is my niece and resides with me and her daughter, MICHELLE, age 7, at 2023 North Ninth Street, St. Louis, Missouri. About 3:45 p.m. on the afternoon of Monday, October 5, 1953, she was home with me, and a cab driver known only as 'JOHNNIE' to me, came in and told her to get dressed and go with him. He drives an 'Ace' Cab. She got dressed and went with him.

"About 10:30 p.m. that night JOHNNIE came back and delivered to me one hundred and twenty dollars in twenty dollar denomination bills, which he said SANDY had told him to give to me. I have not seen him since. He gave me no explanation as to where SANDY got the money.

"SANDY came home about noon, Tuesday, October 6, 1953 by taxi, and told me to get ready and go downtown shopping with her. At that time she counted out two hundred dollars, in ten dollar denomination bills, on the dresser and gave them to me, telling me to buy myself a new outfit and some storm coats for her daughter and for another little girl, BETTY KIMBRELL, who stays with us while her parents work. She told me not to ask any questions and not to worry.

"We called a taxi and went to the Lane-Bryant Store in downtown St. Louis where she made several purchases. She bought a three piece suit, either dark blue or charcoal color, which cost ninety-one dollars. I saw her count out ten ten dollar bills for it. She also bought some gray checked slacks and a blouse as well as some panties and a corset there. I think her total purchases there amounted to around one hundred fifty dollars. I did not see her pay for anything there but the suit.

"We then went to a shoe store on the same side of the street where she bought a pair of pumps (black) a pair of black flats and either three or six pairs of hose. I saw her pay for them with two ten dollar bills, from which she received some change.

"We then hailed a yellow cab to take us home. She gave me a piece of paper with the name 'STEVE STRAND' and the address 'In care of Western Union, Main Office, St. Louis, Missouri' on it and a message 'Leaving at 2:00 a.m. via TWA, Love, SANDY' and the words '10:00 p.m.' on it. She told me to be sure and send a telegram to STRAND at that address with the above message at exactly ten o'clock that night. She said that she was going to have to leave town for two or three days, for me not to ask any questions, that she knew what she was doing, and for me not to worry. She said that she was going to get another girl to stay with me to help take care of the children while she was away.

"She got out of the cab across the street from Franks No. 2 Bar at Ninth and Chambers, to get the other girl. The cab took me on home.

"About fifteen minutes later she came home to get dressed and pack. While she was dressing, a nice looking man about thirty five years old, about five feet eleven inches tall, one hundred eighty pounds, with dark blond hair, very quiet, wearing brown trousers and a darker brown checked sport coat came in with a small overnight case and a larger suitcase.

"The suitcases were new, Samsonite type, because he had trouble opening them. They were empty. She packed her clothes in them while he waited. Then they left together at about 2:00 p.m. I caught a glimpse of his car, and it appeared to be black, about 1949 or 1950 model four door, make unknown. It looked as though it had been newly washed.

"Then [redacted], who lives [redacted] at [redacted] who SANDY had given twenty dollars to stay with me while she was gone, and I went shopping. We were in nearly every store on Fourteenth Street. I bought a blue cloth coat and some slippers at Miles Dress Shop for \$39.00, plus some cents, with two of the twenty dollars bills, two storm coats for the children at Soebels for \$14.95 each, some stockings for SANDY's daughter at a shop I don't remember and then \$9.00 worth of groceries at the Food Center, 2429 North Fourteenth Street. [redacted] bought some make-up at a dime store and a drug store. b7(c)

"At about 8:00 p.m. last night, October 6, 1953, the landlady brought up a telegram for me from SANDY. It was from Columbia, Missouri, and said for me to hold the telegram I was supposed to send to STRAND until she contacted me again.

"Then at about 11:00 p.m. I got another telegram from SANDY in Kansas City, Missouri saying everything was OK and not to worry. I have not seen or heard from her since.

"I have no knowledge as to where SANDY got the money. She gave a total of three hundred and twenty dollars to me, which includes the money she sent back by JOHNNIE. I don't know anything about the GREENLEASE Kidnapping, who did it, or where any of the ransom money is situated.

"The above statement consisting of this and four preceding pages each of which I have initialed together with any corrections appearing in them is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and has been given freely and voluntarily by me.

/s/ POLLY LANE

"Witnesses

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At the time Mrs. LANE was interviewed, it was determined from her that she resided at 2023 North Ninth Street, St. Louis, Missouri and was born in



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At the conclusion of the above interview and on execution of the statement, Lieutenant SHOULDERS of the Police Department advised her that she was no longer being held.

Inasmuch as the description given by her of the individual who transported SANDRA O'DAY to Kansas City could have fitted subject, HALL, she was requested to and did voluntarily accompany agents to the United States Marshal's Office, Twelfth and Market Streets, St. Louis, Missouri, where she viewed HALL, and stated he was not the man. While at the Marshal's Office, she voluntarily submitted to being fingerprinted by the United States Marshal at the request of the above agents.

b7(c) On the following day photographs of the majority of the Ace Cab drivers were obtained by Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] and were exhibited to POLLY LANE at her residence in an attempt to ascertain the identity of the taxi driver mentioned above. She was unable to identify anyone from the photographs, and it was later ascertained that the individual actually transporting O'DAY had not submitted a photograph to the company.

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The following telegram in LANE's possession at the time of her arrest by the St. Louis Police Department was turned over to the above agents by the Police Department at the conclusion of the interview with LANE on October 7, 1953. It is being made an exhibit in the St. Louis file.

"Kansas City, Mo 6 1051 PMC- POLLY LANE- 2023A North 9th St STL- Everything fine. Dont worry love- SANDY-"

At the time of exhibiting the photographs to her as mentioned on October 7, 1953, she voluntarily turned over to Agents DOBSON and BUSH the following telegram which is being made an exhibit in the St. Louis file.

"PD-Columbia Mo 6 553P- Miss POLLY LANE-2023 North 9th Apt A Stl- Hold wire until I contact you. Will advise later. Plans have changed. Dont worry. Love and kisses- SANDY-"

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C. SANDRA O'DAY

JOHN OLIVER HAGER, driver, ACE CAB COMPANY, who resides at 2228 Olive Street, advised SAS [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] on October 8, 1953, as follows concerning SANDRA O'DAY: b7c

He advised that he procured O'DAY for HALL at approximately 3:30 p.m. on October 5, 1953. He said the arrangements were made by his being contacted by another cab driver who was transporting HALL. He related that, after he had picked O'DAY up, the trio proceeded to locate a motel where HALL and O'DAY could spend the night. He stated that they arrived at a place he knew, THE CORAL COURTS MOTEL, located on United States Highway 66, on the outskirts of St. Louis. He stated that, on the way to the motel, they made brief stops for a drink, to purchase toilet articles, and to purchase whiskey and cigarettes. He noted that they arrived at the CORAL COURTS MOTEL at approximately 5:00 p.m., at which time HALL registered for himself and O'DAY.

HAGER said he accompanied the pair to their room and stayed with them during which time an exchange of money was made to himself and O'DAY for various errands and services to be performed by them. He said he left the motel at approximately 6:00 p.m. He said he performed errands for the pair and accompanied them to a nearby tavern, where they had dinner. He returned with them to the motel and remained with them until approximately midnight, at which time he departed with instructions to return the following morning with a rented automobile.

HAGER related that he returned shortly after 10:00 a.m. the following day with a rented car. He was instructed by HALL to transport O'DAY to a point in the city where she could obtain a taxi-cab for downtown St. Louis. He stated that, on the way to the city, O'DAY informed him that HALL had an abundance of money, more than she had ever seen, and had been requested by him to make a trip to Los Angeles, California, and mail a letter which he had given her. He said that he and O'DAY opened this letter, which was addressed to a BARNEY PATTON, St. Joseph, Missouri. After reading the contents, O'DAY advised him that she did not intend to go to Los Angeles, but instead to St. Joseph, Missouri, to investigate the addressee of the letter. She informed HAGER that HALL had given her \$1,000. HAGER stated that he discharged O'DAY at the corner of Hampton and Oakland Avenues.

POLLY LANE, aunt of SANDRA O'DAY, who resides with her and O'DAY's seven year old daughter at 2023 North 9th Street, advised SAS [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] on October 7, 1953, that O'DAY had left their b7(c)

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home at approximately 3:45 p.m. on Monday, October 5, 1953, at the request of an Ace cab driver, known to her as JOHNNY. LANE stated that O'DAY returned at approximately noon the following day, after which she accompanied her on a shopping trip to various stores in St. Louis. O'DAY informed LANE at this time that she was leaving town and gave her aunt a handwritten message with instructions to send the communication in the form of a telegram at 10:00 p.m., instant date, c/o STEVE STRAND, Western Union, St. Louis, Mo.

LANE advised that they returned to their residence and a man subsequently arrived with two newly purchased suitcases for O'DAY. She stated that O'DAY left with this man in his automobile at approximately 2:00 p.m. She said she next heard from O'DAY by means of a telegram sent her from Columbia, Mo., requesting her to disregard instructions given as to sending the message to STEVE STRAND.

HERMAN JOSEPH DESTRE, relief driver, ACE CAB COMPANY, residing at [REDACTED] advised SAS [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] on October 8, 1953, that he answered a call to pick up a fare at the Yankee Grill, Hampton and Oakland Avenues, at approximately 12:00 noon, on October 6, 1953. He stated that he picked up O'DAY and thereafter transported to downtown St. Louis. He stated that O'DAY at the outset gave him \$9 and requested that he purchase a bottle of glue, in order for her to reseal a letter she had in her possession. He remarked that O'DAY had indicated to him a request that he transport her in his cab to St. Joseph, Mo. He agreed, however, to transport her in his privately owned automobile; and arrangements were made for the trip. He said he dropped O'DAY in the 2100 block of North 9th Street. He said that she returned shortly with her aunt and he transported them to a department store in downtown St. Louis. He said that he thereafter made purchases of two pieces of luggage for O'DAY with money she had provided him. b7
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DESTRE related that he returned to O'DAY's home with the luggage in his personally owned automobile and that they departed for St. Joseph, Mo., at approximately 2:50 p.m. He said that they stopped briefly for O'DAY to make additional clothing purchases and proceeded west from St. Louis on U. S. Highway 40. He recalled they made stops at the corner of Lindbergh and Clayton Avenues for food and gasoline and continued towards St. Joseph. He said that they made additional stops at Columbia, Missouri, where O'DAY sent a telegram, and at Sweet Springs, Missouri, where they procured food and gasoline. They departed from Sweet Springs at approximately 8:00 p.m., and arrived at a restaurant on the outskirts of Kansas City, from which point O'DAY made a hotel reservation at the Mashbach Hotel in Kansas City. They thereafter proceeded to downtown Kansas City, where he dropped O'DAY at the hotel.

He remarked that during the journey O'DAY had indicated to him that she had been on a three day bender and had stayed with a man at the Coral Courts Motel in St. Louis. She remarked that she had lost her luggage

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and had indicated that she was due in Los Angeles, California, the following morning to appear in court there. She said that she was going to travel by airlines from St. Joseph, Missouri.

He accounted that O'DAY had initially paid him \$9 for the fare into St. Louis, had given him \$80 for the luggage purchase and \$150 for the transportation from St. Louis to Kansas City, as well as given him \$10 on the two occasions they stopped for gas and food.

He said the luggage cost \$43 and some odd change. He said that she made no request for the change from the money given for the luggage purchase or when gas and food were purchased.

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D. HERMAN JOSEPH DRESTE

On October 8, 1953, Mr. JOSEPH COSTELLO, Owner of the Ace Cab Company, 19th and Washington Avenues, advised SA [REDACTED] that records of this company indicate that at approximately 1:00 p.m., October 6, 1953, their dispatcher received a call from an individual who gave her name as Miss O'DAY and stated she was at 1000 Hampton Avenue or the Yankee Grill. The dispatcher directed Ace Cab 154, which was operated on that date by HERMAN J. DRESTE, to that address. COSTELLO advised that DRESTE, an extra driver for their company for approximately the past two years, resided at [REDACTED] b7c

On the basis of the above information, SA [REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED] at approximately 10:30 p.m., on October 8, 1953, located DRESTE at his residence, [REDACTED]. DRESTE admitted driving SANDRA O'DAY from St. Louis to Kansas City on October 6, 1953, in his personally owned automobile, a 1949 4-door Chevrolet Sedan, black in color bearing Missouri license 566-047. This automobile which was parked in the front of DRESTE'S residence was searched by the contacting agents and nothing was found therein pertinent to this investigation. b7c

DRESTE accompanied the above agents to the St. Louis Office and was fingerprinted and photographed. He furnished the following signed statement concerning his complete activities in connection with SANDRA O'DAY:

"St. Louis, Missouri
October 8, 1953

"I, HERMAN JOSEPH DRESTE, [REDACTED] St. Louis, Missouri, make this voluntary and truthful statement to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] whom I know to be Special Agents of the FBI. No promises or threats have been made to me to make this statement and I make it of my own free will, knowing that it could be used against me in a court of law. I have been advised that if I desire I may retain counsel. b7(c)

"My name is HERMAN JOSEPH DRESTE. I was born in St. Louis, Missouri on February 26, 1912. I am married and have a daughter, age nine. I have been in the employe of the Ace Cab Company, St. Louis, as a substitute cab driver for about three years.

"I wish to state that on October 6, 1953, about noon I received a radio call from the Ace Cab Company dispatcher to pick up a fare at the Yankee Grill, 1000 Hampton. Upon arrival at the Yankee Grill I went to the door and was met by a female whose photograph I have recently seen in the St. Louis Post Dispatch and whom I identify as SANDRA O'DAY. SANDRA O'DAY told me that she wanted me to take

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"her to the TWA office in downtown St. Louis because she wished to arrange her transportation by air to some city which she did not mention. Enroute to downtown St. Louis she asked to stop at a store and buy her a bottle of glue. She stated that she had a letter in her possession which she desired to seal. I stopped at some drug store near the intersection of Ewing and Market Streets and bought her a bottle of glue. Previous to obtaining the bottle of glue she handed me \$9.00, a five dollar bill and four one dollar bills, for transportation while I was transporting her. Before we arrived at the TWA office she mentioned that she wanted to go to St. Joseph, Missouri, and she wanted to know what the cab fare would be from St. Louis to St. Joseph. I told her that I did not know but that I would check with a dispatcher on the mileage and then advise her. I called the dispatcher on the radio and asked him what the mileage was to St. Joseph and he advised me it was about 75 miles out of Kansas City. I told her that since Kansas City was about 240 miles from St. Louis, it would be about 300 miles from St. Louis to St. Joseph. I advised her that the fare would be a little over \$100.00. I then told her it might be cheaper if she took a plane and then she stated that she would give me \$150.00 if I would take her to St. Joseph. Previous to this she had inquired if I owned an automobile and I had told her that I had a 1949 Chevrolet which was in good shape. I told her that I could not take the cab out of town because I did not own it. She then told me to drive to a single flat located in the 2100 block of North Ninth Street. While enroute to the above address she asked me if I could get her some good luggage while she did some shopping in downtown St. Louis, and I told her that I would. She then gave me \$80.00 to purchase this luggage. She specified only that the luggage be a natural color and that I get a small overnight case and a larger piece. We then proceeded to the 2100 block of N. Ninth Street and stopped at a single flat. She went upstairs and stated that she would be right down and that I should wait for her.

"She came down shortly thereafter with a woman whom I later determined from SANDRA was her aunt, whose name I do not recall. I took SANDRA and this aunt to Lane-Bryant Department Store located at Sixth and Locust. They went in Lane-Bryants and shopped and I proceeded on to Nineteenth and Washington to the Ace Cab headquarters where I turned in my cab and my day's receipts. I then took my own personally owned Chevrolet and drove to downtown St. Louis, parked my car and went into Packwood's and

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"bought a matching overnight bag and a larger woman's valise, natural color. I paid \$47.00 for these two pieces. I went back to my car and drove back to the 2100 block of North Ninth Street where I picked up SANDRA and her aunt, and took the luggage upstairs. SANDRA prepared to pack and I noticed that she put in wearing apparel and what appeared to be a large amount of money in bills which may have had a rubber band around it. SANDRA and I got in my car about 2:30 P.M. on October 6, 1953, and I drove to the outskirts of St. Louis. However, before arriving on the outskirts of St. Louis, SANDRA stopped at a ladies apparel store on Fourteenth and North Market where she stated she wanted to purchase a pair of gloves and maybe a brassiere. Upon arrival at Lindbergh Boulevard and Clayton Road SANDRA stated she was hungry and I told her I had to get some gas so she suggested that we get something to eat and we went into a tavern and restaurant combined and SANDRA got a martini and I got a bottle of beer. We also had something to eat and after finishing the meal I drove to a Standard filling station which was adjacent and put gasoline in the car and also some oil. On departing from St. Louis for St. Joseph, Missouri, SANDRA gave me \$150.00 which was in fifteen \$10.00 bills. At Clayton Road and Lindbergh Boulevard I bought the lunch and gasoline for the car and she gave me \$20.00 to pay the check. This was in two \$10.00 bills. We then proceeded west on highway 40. SANDRA mentioned to me that the night before she had spent the night with some man whom she referred to as "a young jerk" at the Coral Courts on highway 66 in St. Louis County, Missouri. She stated that for the past few days she had been on a "binge" and had lost her luggage and money, and it had been necessary for her to wire to Los Angeles to get money from her attorney to complete her trip to Los Angeles since she had to be in Los Angeles the next morning at 8:00 A. M. to appear in Court. She mentioned to me that she had arrived in St. Louis when she had actually intended to go to St. Joseph, Missouri, and that she was interested in getting a plane back to Los Angeles. She appeared to be concerned about this and led me to believe that she had to meet somebody, name unknown, in St. Joseph, Missouri. She further told me that she had two children, one age seven, and one adopted daughter, age nine, and that she was anxious to get a divorce from her husband and had enough evidence on him to get it without much trouble in Los Angeles. She mentioned that she wanted custody of the children, support for the children, a trust fund for the children, and alimony for herself. She led me to believe that her husband was very wealthy and I understood her to say that he had a large farm in the State of New Jersey.

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"We continued on to Columbia, Missouri, following highway 40 and arrived in Columbia, Missouri, about 3:15 P.M. She mentioned at Columbia, Missouri, that she had to send a telegram to her lawyer in Los Angeles in order to get more money in order to get back to Los Angeles. In passing a tavern in downtown Columbia she suggested that we stop and have a drink. We bought two bottles of beer. She inquired the location of the Western Union office, which was across the street from the tavern and about two doors north. This was a large Western Union office. She entered the Western Union office and I presume she sent a wire. She joined me back at the tavern and we again proceeded out of Columbia on highway 40 until we reached Sweet Springs, Missouri, where I again put gasoline in the car and we inquired of the Standard filling station operator where there was a good place to eat. He directed us to some restaurant in downtown Sweet Springs. She gave me a \$10.00 bill at this time to pay for the gasoline and our meal. I believe we left Sweet Springs, Missouri about 8:00 P.M. I wish to add that at Sweet Springs, Missouri, SANDRA and I inquired about the best route to St. Joseph, Missouri, from the Standard filling station operator where I purchased the gasoline. After getting route directions she asked me if I would drive her to St. Joseph and wait for her while she contacted some man and then drive her on to Kansas City, Missouri. I told her that St. Joseph would be the end of my run and I would not wait for her, as this was not the original agreement. She then stated that maybe it would be just as well if we proceeded on to Kansas City where she could catch a plane for Los Angeles. She also mentioned at this time that in arrival in Kansas City she would like to go to some hotel and clean up. She then stated that we should proceed on to Kansas City and she led me to believe that she was going to call the man in St. Joseph from Kansas City and inquired of me the distance from Kansas City to St. Joseph and I replied that I thought it was about 75 miles. We then proceeded on to Kansas City and on the eastern outskirts of the town we stopped at a tavern and she asked me what would be a good hotel to stop at and I suggested the Hotel Muehlbach. SANDRA, however, asked the barmaid the best hotel in Kansas City and this barmaid mentioned the Hotel President. SANDRA then looked up the telephone number of the Hotel President and called this hotel and was advised that there were no available rooms. She then asked me to call the Hotel Muehlbach, which hotel I had previously mentioned to her, which I did, and found that they had a bedroom with twin beds and that the rate would be \$11 per night. I then mentioned this to SANDRA and she said to have them make a reservation for her and I gave the hotel clerk her name as SANDRA O'DAY.

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"We left this tavern about 9:30 P.M. and drove to downtown Kansas City. Enroute I mentioned that Kansas City was the town in which a kidnapping had occurred recently and SANDRA mentioned that she had read about it and referred to it as a terrible crime. Upon arrival in Kansas City's downtown business section, she mentioned to me that it would be better if she got a Kansas City cab and went directly to the Hotel Washbach. There was a cab parked on the street and I hailed it and took her bags out of my car and carried them over and placed them in the cab and she departed. This was the last time I saw her.

"I parked my car in the vicinity of Kato Drug Store and went over and called my wife and in her absence talked to my brother, BOB, and told him I had made the trip O.K. I did not tell my brother or my wife at any time that I had made the trip with a female passenger.

"I spent the night at a hotel which is similar in name to "Alladin", which is directly across from the Robert E. Lee Hotel. On the morning of October 7, 1953, I left Kansas City at 6:00 A. M. and arrived back in St. Louis about noon on the above date.

"I received a total of \$425.00 from SANDRA which she gave me as follows: As previously indicated, \$25.00 when I first picked her up, \$80.00 for the purchase of the luggage, \$150.00 for the trip to St. Joseph, \$20.00 at the tavern and restaurant at Clayton and Lindbergh Blvd., and \$10.00 at Sweet Springs, Missouri, for purchase of food, drinks, and gasoline. During the afternoon of October 7, 1953, I deposited \$211.00 in my savings account at the Jefferson Savings and Loan Bank, Cherokee and California Streets. Of this amount deposited, \$15.75 was my allotment check. I feel that \$120.00 of the \$135.25 was money that I had received directly from SANDRA O'BAY. The balance of the money received from SANDRA I expended on the trip, having in my possession \$30.00 in \$10.00 bills, which I have turned over to Agents SMALL and LUDLUM of the FBI for examination and investigation.

"I have read this eight page statement and after having read it I sign it and each page as being a truthful statement.

/s/ HERMAN J. DRESTE
(Signed) HERMAN JOSEPH DRESTE

"Witnessed: SA [REDACTED] FBI, St. Louis, Missouri.
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When interviewed DRESTE made available for examination all currency in his possession.

An examination of this money disclosed three \$10 bills bearing Serial Numbers H06057312A, H05840236B, and H24136279A, which are identical with ransom money. These bills were obtained from DRESTE and he was furnished a receipt therefor. These bills are being retained as evidence.

In connection with the signed statement furnished by him, DRESTE furnished the following additional information. Relative to the purchase of a bottle of glue by him at a drugstore near the intersection of Ewing and Market Street, DRESTE explained that he paid for this purchase from his own funds, the cost thereof amounting to \$.15. While he made this purchase SANDRA O'DAY waited for him in the cab which was parked on Market Street in front of this drugstore. Relative to the money which he observed O'DAY placing in the smaller of the two pieces of luggage which he purchased for her and which money he described in his signed statement as appearing to be "a large amount of money in bills," DRESTE explained that he could not say how much this money totalled. He could not see the denominations of the bills but did observe that they did not appear to be crisp new bills. He described this money as being folded in half and appeared to have a rubberband around it. He described the folded money as being approximately the size of a man's fist. He assumed that it amounted to several hundred dollars inasmuch as O'DAY, during the course of their trip from St. Louis to Kansas City, indicated she had only \$500.00 left. DRESTE stated that he observed O'DAY while she packed the luggage but did not see her place any other sum of money therein.

DRESTE advised that during his contacts with O'DAY on October 6, 1953 as described in his signed statement, O'DAY at no time mentioned the names of any individuals either in St. Louis, St. Joseph, Kansas City, the State of California, or any other locality.

Relative to the letter possessed by O'DAY, DRESTE advised she made no other statement concerning it except that she had a letter which she desired to seal, for which purpose he purchased glue at her direction. He advised that he never saw this letter nor did he observe O'DAY seal a letter since he turned his back to her after he gave her the glue. She made no further mention of this letter nor did she indicate to whom or to where it was being sent. DRESTE said he had no information as to whether or not O'DAY had mailed this letter.

On October 9, 1953, DRESTE furnished the following additional information to SA ██████████ and ██████████ b7(c)

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DRESTE advised that the luggage which he purchased for O'DAY at Packwood Luggage, 7th and Olive, was a matching set of Samsonite luggage. The color he described as being natural or light beige. It consisted of a ladies' overnight bag or cosmetic case, approximately 15" by 10" by 6" in size and a ladies' valise 27" by 25" by 5" in size. He recalls that she locked both pieces of luggage after packing them, there being one key for each piece of luggage. She retained the key. During the trip from St. Louis to Kansas City both pieces of luggage were placed in the back seat of his car, O'DAY sitting in the front seat during the course of the whole trip. The only time he observed her open luggage occurred on the outskirts of St. Louis immediately before or after their stop for gasoline purchase and lunch at Clayton Road and Lindbergh Blvd. At that time she unlocked the smaller piece of luggage and appeared to remove the money she had previously placed therein and put it in her purse. DRESTE explained that O'DAY removed both pieces of luggage when she left his cab in Kansas City, Mo. At no time during the trip did he observe her in the back seat with the luggage, and even during the times they stopped for purchasing gasoline or eating he was not absent from the car long enough to provide her opportunity of handling the luggage without being observed by him.

DRESTE estimated that he drove SANDRA O'DAY in St. Louis in the Ace Cab a total of eight or nine miles. He advised that he drove a total of approximately 50 or 60 miles in the Ace Cab in the St. Louis area on October 6, 1953. He explained that he has no recollection of any of the addresses or fares to which he was dispatched by radio prior to picking up SANDRA O'DAY. He usually reports to work at the Ace Cab Company at approximately 6:45 a.m. and consequently assumes that he started work on October 6th at about that hour. He does recall that prior to picking up SANDRA O'DAY at noon on that day he answered two or three radio calls and several pickups, the numbers of which he does not recall.

DRESTE advised that after picking up O'DAY at 12:00 noon on October 6, 1953, and making the one stop for the purchase of glue at the drugstore on Market and Ewing Avenues, he proceeded to the address in the 2100 block of North 9th Street. He arrived at that address at approximately 12:25 p.m. He remained there approximately 5 minutes waiting for O'DAY and her aunt. At approximately 12:30 p.m., the latter entered his cab and he transported them to Lane Bryant's arriving there at approximately 12:45 p.m. There upon, he immediately returned to the Ace Cab Company, arriving there at approximately 12:55 p.m. He remained at the Ace Cab Company for approximately 15 or 20 minutes checking in the cab. At approximately 1:15 p.m., he obtained his own automobile and drove to downtown St. Louis after which he purchased luggage at Packwood. Immediately after purchasing the luggage, he drove in his personally owned automobile to the 2100 block of

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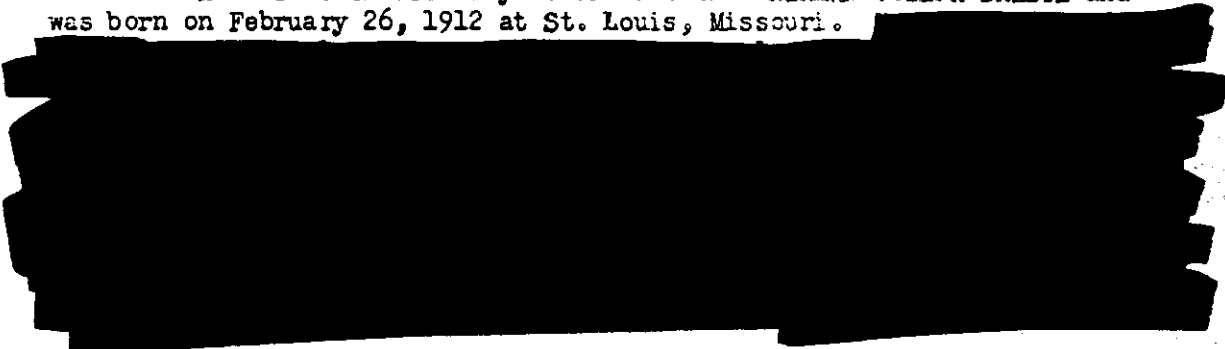
North 9th, taking the luggage to the apartment of O'DAY and her aunt. After O'DAY packed the luggage they left in his personally owned car, proceeding to Burdie's, where O'DAY purchased the gloves and brassiere. After that they proceeded to Kansas City, Missouri, departing St. Louis approximately 2:30 p.m.

Relative to the store at which O'DAY purchased the gloves and brassiere near 14th and North Market Street, he believed the store's name is Burdie's located at 2515 North 14th Street.

DRESTE advised that it was the Aladdin Hotel, Kansas City, Missouri, where he stayed during the evening of October 6, 1953, after completing the trip to Kansas City, Missouri. He furnished the receipt he received for payment of lodgings at that hotel which bears the caption Aladdin Hotel, Kansas City, Missouri, and indicates that DRESTE registered as H. J. DRESTE. He occupied Room 317 in the hotel and paid \$8.12. This receipt for room payment is being maintained as evidence.



When interviewed, DRESTE furnished the following background information:

He has never used any other name than HERMAN JOSEPH DRESTE and was born on February 26, 1912 at St. Louis, Missouri.



Fingerprints and photographs of DRESTE were forwarded to the FBI Laboratory for comparison purposes.

The following investigation was conducted in connection with the above information furnished by DRESTE:

On October 9, 1953, Mr. JOSEPH COSTELLO, owner Ace Cab Company, 19th and Washington, made available to SAs  and 

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[REDACTED] the radio logs of their company for October 6, 1953. On that date, the following radio calls were made by the dispatcher to Cab 154 which are set out in the radio log in the following order: b7c

11:53 a.m.	YANKEE GRILL, Hampton and Oakland
9:00 a.m.	405 West Euclid
6:06 a.m.	CHARLIE'S TAVSEN, 1503 North 20th
1:01 (not designated as to a.m. or p.m.)	4215 West Pine
7:07 (not designated as to a.m. or p.m.)	726 Chouteau.

COSTELLO advised that the above times indicate when the call for service was received by the dispatcher. Since COSTELLO enforces a company policy that a cab be dispatched within five minutes after receiving a telephone request for a cab, he explained it was safe to assume that the call was answered shortly after those times. The radio log fails to indicate the identity of the operator of Cab 154.

COSTELLO made available trip records for Cab 154 for 10/6/53. These records reflect HERMAN JOSEPH DRESTE checked out Cab 154 at 6:30 a.m., on 10/6/53. The mileage at this time was 97,887. These records do not reflect the time that this cab was checked in by DRESTE. However, receipts for these trip tickets were signed by [REDACTED] b7c who departs from the job between 3:30 p.m. and 4:00 p.m., thus indicating the cab was returned prior to that time. The mileage at the time the cab was checked in was shown as 97,952, indicating that the taxi driver had driven the cab a total of sixty-seven miles on October 6, 1953.

Cab 154 was again signed out on 10/6/53 at 5:15 p.m. by driver [REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED] advised that she left work on 10/6/53 at approximately 3:30 p.m. She explained that she has no independent recollection of DRESTE checking the cab in on that date because of the large volume of cab drivers. She explained that, since she signed his trip tickets, he must have signed the cab in prior to 3:30 p.m. b7c

[REDACTED] Ace Cab Company, who is in charge of gassing up cabs, advised that he worked until 3:00 p.m., 10/6/53, but b7c

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has no recollection of DRESTE checking the cab in on that date and gassing it up. JAMES explained when a cab is checked in, the gas tank must be filled before the trip tickets are turned in and signed. [redacted] advised he could locate none of his employees who recall gassing up DRESTE'S cab when it was checked in, October 6, 1953, explaining that he attributes this to the large volume of cabs serviced at that station.

[redacted] advised that he drove cab 154 on October 6, 1953, from 5:15 p.m. to approximately midnight or 2:00 a.m., October 7, 1953. He explained that he had also driven Cab 154 on October 5, 1953, from approximately 5:30 of that evening to approximately midnight or 2:00 a.m., of October 6, 1953. [redacted] was questioned to determine if the radio calls to the cab indicated above as 6:06 a.m. and 1:01 and 7:07 (not indicated as a.m. or p.m.) were made by him while in Cab 154. He advised that he may have taken the call marked 1:01 at 1:01 a.m. either on October 6 or 7, since he recalls picking up an unknown female in the vicinity of 4215 West Pine. He advised he has no recollection of making any of the other calls described.

[redacted] advised that when he checked out Cab 154 at 5:15 p.m., on October 6, 1953, he observed therein no objects of unusual nature. In connection with radio call 6:06 a.m., the records of the Ace Cab Company indicate that Cab 154 was not in operation at that time. COSTELLO explained that this entry might have been an error on the part of the dispatcher as to exact time.

[redacted] ACE CAB COMPANY, advised that he recalls that he received an inquiry on October 6, 1953 by one of their cab drivers asking for the mileage from St. Louis to St. Joseph, Mo. Since the cab driver asking for this information did not identify himself, which is usually the custom in such an inquiry, he could not state what driver placed the call. No record of this inquiry was made in the radio log since the driver did not specify that he was going to make such a trip. [redacted] recalls that he answered the inquiry by stating it was approximately 300 miles to St. Joseph, Missouri, and that was the end of the radio conversation in this regard. [redacted] advised that he could not remember whether such inquiry was made prior or subsequent to the 11:53 call dispatching a cab to the Yankee Grill, Hampton and Oakland.

[redacted] who resides [redacted] Avenue, and [redacted] who resides [redacted] the YANKEE GRILL, 1000 South Hampton, advised that they were on duty at the above restaurant on October 6, 1953 from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., respectively. They advised they have no recollection of any individual resembling the description

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or photograph of subject O'DAY being in the Grill on that date. They do not recall any individual resembling DRESTE stopping at the grill to pick up any passenger there. Both advised that the picture of subject O'DAY looks like an individual they have seen, but they couldn't recall where or at what time they may have observed her.

[REDACTED] advised that he was on duty at the [REDACTED] all day on October 6, 1953 and does not recall any individual resembling the description or photograph of subject O'DAY or DRESTE in the bar or in the vicinity of the YANKEE GRILL. b7c

[REDACTED] OWL DRUG STORE, 28th Market, advised that he was in attendance at the above store during the day of October 6, 1953, but was absent between the hours of 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. It is to be noted that the OWL DRUG STORE is at the intersection of Market and Ewing and is the only one in that vicinity. [REDACTED] was unable to recall any individual resembling the photograph of DRESTE in the drug store. He explained that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] were the only employees in the store between the hours of 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. on that date.

[REDACTED] who resides at [REDACTED] advised that she recalls that at approximately noon on October 6, 1953, a white male, who resembles the photograph of DRESTE, entered the store and bought a bottle of glue. After purchasing the glue, he left immediately and engaged in no conversation. She does not recall whether he paid for this purchase in change or bills. She did not notice if he placed any phone calls, but, because he entered and left so quickly, she believes that he did not. She indicated that she observed a cab parked outside the store while this individual purchased the glue, but she could not say what kind it was. She advised that the only glue sold by their store is a mucilage contained in a small cylindrical shaped bottle with a black rubber applicator, bearing the label Carter's, which sells for fifteen cents.

[REDACTED] advised that he was present in the store between the hours approximately 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m., but was in the rear of the store and observed none of the customers who may have entered.

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[REDACTED] of the Packwood Luggage, 215 North 7th Street, advised that on October 6, 1953, at approximately 1:20 p.m. a white male purchased two pieces of Samsonite luggage. This sale was made by his [REDACTED], but he recalls the sale inasmuch as it was made in his presence and he made change from the cash register in connection therewith.

[REDACTED] stated that the individual purchased the following described luggage: One Samsonite ladies' night luggage, Model No. 4521, ivory in color (imitation rawhide) and one matching Samsonite ladies' traincase, Model No. 4512 of the same color. The total list price of both pieces of luggage is \$45.14, with Model 4521 having a list price of \$23.79 (including tax) and Model No. 4512, \$21.35 (including Tax). The actual price paid by the individual was \$43.30 which represents a 5 per cent discount.

[REDACTED] made available luggage duplicating that sold to the individual and it is to be noted that the color "ivory" closely approximates a light tan or beige color. Each piece of luggage has one key.

[REDACTED] explained that the individual paid for the purchase with five \$10 bills. [REDACTED] made available for examination all \$10 bill still in his possession explaining, however, that most cash receipts for October 6, 1953, have been deposited in the 1st National Bank, St. Louis, Missouri. Comparison of the Serial Numbers on these bills indicated that two \$10 bills bearing Serial Numbers H20856930A and H10456796A are identical with ransom money.

After examining the photograph of DRESTE, [REDACTED] stated that the individual who purchased the Samsonite Luggage could be identical with DRESTE but he could not positively state that he is.

[REDACTED], Packwood Luggage Company, advised that on October 6, 1953, a white male resembling the photograph of DRESTE entered their store and stated he wanted to purchase some Samsonite Luggage. This individual inquired if they had luggage in a natural color and [REDACTED] showed him Models 4521 and 4512 which is listed as ivory in color. The individual stated "that is what she wanted." The individual purchased the luggage previously described and gave five \$10 bills in payment. [REDACTED] explained that he gave this individual a 5 per cent discount because of cash payment.

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[REDACTED] explained that when this individual paid for the luggage he appeared to have several other bills in his hand but he was unable to observe their denomination. He estimated that the individual had four or five bills left in his hand after payment. Immediately after paying for the luggage, the individual stated that he did not care to have them wrapped since he was in a hurry. [REDACTED] advised that he had no further conversation with this individual and estimated that he was in the store approximately ten minutes.

The \$10 bill bearing Serial No. H10456796A was furnished by Mr. [REDACTED], for which he was reimbursed and a receipt obtained. This bill is being retained for evidentiary purposes.

[REDACTED], Burdie's Millinery Shop, 2514 North 11th Street, examined the photograph of subject O'DAY and advised that she positively is identical with a woman who on October 6, 1953, purchased at their store, a pair of gloves and four brassieres. She advised that she had no recollection of the time that O'DAY entered their store, explaining she could not recall if it was in the morning or the afternoon, because of the volume of business, which was high. She recalls the purchase made by O'DAY because O'DAY purchased the last four brassieres they possessed in Size 38, Cup B. She estimates O'DAY spent approximately ten minutes in the store and during that time only conversed concerning the purchase of the pair of gloves and the brassieres. [REDACTED] advised that she could recall no features of O'DAY's attire, other than that she was well dressed. She estimated as the total bill for the purchase of the above items, as \$6.10. She advised that O'DAY possibly paid for this purchase with a \$10 bill, but she has no definite recollection in this regard. She stated that all receipts for October 6, 1953 were deposited on October 9, 1953 at the Northwestern Bank. [REDACTED] advised that O'DAY was alone and she did not observe any person waiting for her or any cab in the vicinity of the shop. She was unable to identify the photograph of DRESTE. O'DAY was not carrying any luggage, other than a small purse. [REDACTED] advised that she did not observe where O'DAY got the bill with which she paid for the purchase, and at no time did O'DAY display any large sum of money. [REDACTED] advised no other employee or customer was in the store at the time O'DAY made the purchase.

[REDACTED] who resides at [REDACTED] Ozark Room of the King Motel, which is located

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at the intersection of Clayton Road and Lindbergh Boulevard, being situated on the west side of Lindbergh Boulevard, furnished the following information:

A man and a woman came into the Ozark Room of the King Motel, several minutes before 3:00 p.m. on October 6, 1953 and sat down at a table in the dining room. They ordered two sandwiches, a bottle of beer and mixed drink, which was served by her. At approximately 3:15 p.m. they departed. Before departing, the man asked for six bottles of Budweiser, which she obtained from the bar and left at the bar to be paid for and picked up by him. Their bill, which amounted to approximately \$2.50 for the food and drinks served at the table, was paid for by the man. She advised that she did not collect money for the six bottles of Budweiser since they would have to be paid for at the bar. She explained that she recalled them so well, because the man left a \$2 tip, being in two \$1 bills, which she considered very unusual for a bill amounting to approximately \$2.50. She recalls the time that they arrived and departed inasmuch as they entered the dining room several minutes before she was scheduled to end her working shift which ends at 3:00 p.m. As a result of serving them she was delayed 15 minutes, leaving at 3:15 p.m., the man and woman leaving the dining room at the same time she went off duty. [REDACTED] positively identified the pictures of O'DAY and DRESTE as the man and woman served by her as described above. She advised that she did not observe O'DAY to display any amount of money and all payment was made by the man. She does not recall with what denomination of bill DRESTE paid for the meal.

[REDACTED] who resides at [REDACTED] St. Louis, Missouri, after examining the photograph of DRESTE, advised that he was identical with the man served by [REDACTED] and who picked up six bottles of Budweiser at the bar at the time he departed. [REDACTED] advised that he does not recall how DRESTE paid for the beer. He recalls that DRESTE picked up the beer, just as [REDACTED] was going off duty, which is usually at 3:00 p.m. [REDACTED] advised that he did not observe the female companion of DRESTE and after examining the photograph of O'DAY, advised she was unknown to him. [REDACTED] advised he possessed no additional information concerning DRESTE or the female companion.

[REDACTED] of the King Motel, made available all registration cards for October 6, 1953. Examination of these cards failed to reflect any registration which could be identified with O'DAY and DRESTE. BLOCK advised that he was present in the bar during the afternoon of October 6, 1953, but does not recall either DRESTE or O'DAY, after examining their photographs. [REDACTED] advised that all cash receipts for October 6, 1953 have been deposited, either going into their account at the Mercantile Trust, or the United Bank and Trust, St. Louis, Missouri.

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[REDACTED] the Standard Station, 1315 South Lindbergh, which is immediately north of the King Motel, advised that he has no recollection of anyone answering the description or resembling the photographs of O'DAY and DRESTE stopping at his station. He advised that he does not recall DRESTE'S car being in his station. He advised that he does not recall DRESTE'S car being in his station after examining the description of DRESTE'S car. [REDACTED] indicated that on October 6, 1953, he was present at the station all day and was alone at the station, he being the only employee during that shift.

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VI. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE RECOVERED

Lt. LOUIS SHOULDERS and
Patrolman ELMER DOLAN
11th District
St. Louis Police Department

Can testify that at the time of arrest of CARL AUSTIN HALL, at the Town House Hotel, 5326 Pershing Avenue, about 8:45 p.m., October 6, 1953, they recovered the following list of property:

Black metal suitcase containing \$151,000 in twenty dollar and ten dollar bills.

Green metal handtrunk containing \$137,510 in twenty dollar and ten dollar bills.

\$769.00 found on the person of HALL, represented by thirty-seven twenty dollar bills, one ten dollar bill, two five dollar bills, and nine one dollar bills, plus \$5.88 in coins.

Personal property of HALL, consisting of one yellow metal Lord Elgin wrist watch, one pair of eye glasses, one belt, one tie, one tie clasp, two keys, one pocket knife, and one comb.

One brown leather brief case containing a pony-skin billfold, which billfold contained \$2,000 in twenty dollar bills; \$490 in ten dollar bills; a check stub from the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States, made out to CARL HALL, in care of Mr. BARNEY PATTON, 1117 Corley Building, St. Joseph, Missouri, for \$88.34, plus a bank deposit slip for \$3,650 on the TOOTLE-LACY National Bank of St. Joseph, Missouri, bearing name, CARL A. HALL, dated May 1, 1953.

Patrolman Elmer Dolan
11th District
St. Louis Police Department

Will testify that, subsequent to arrest of CARL AUSTIN HALL, he returned to HALL's apartment at the Town House Hotel and recovered the following property:

One brown leather suitcase containing partly filled bottle of 1843 Whiskey, plus miscellaneous items of clothing and a pair of yellow metal cuff links in a leather box.

One Smith and Wesson make .38 caliber, blue steel, snub-nosed revolver, serial number 85659, with five shots fully loaded, which was found in the drawer of the telephone table.

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Special Officers NORMAN NAHER, WILLIAM CARSON, EDWARD BRADLEY
11th District, St. Louis, Missouri Police Department

Can testify that at the time of the arrest of BONNIE EMILY HEADY at 12:30 a.m. on October 7, 1953, at 4504 Arsenal Street, they recovered the following property:

One black leather purse containing one pack of twenty dollar bills, totaling \$2,000.

One red leather billfold containing \$25.53, represented by three one dollar bills, one twenty dollar bill, and \$2.53 in change.

Astra make 6.25 mm. caliber automatic pistol, chrome-plated, empty, serial number 686153, with a clip.

Partly filled bottle of dexedrine tablets, plus personal papers and cards.

Two handwritten notes, in pencil, in an envelope addressed Mrs. ESTHER GRANT, 4504 Arsenal Street, City.

One CBS Columbia table model clock radio, serial number 6790.

One pink nylon bra (soiled), size 34 - Allo Etta Maiden Form.

One Paper Mate Ball Point red and gold pen.

One Venus drawing pencil (2H) 3½ inches long, with erasure.

Will testify that the envelope addressed to Mrs. ESTHER GRANT, 4504 Arsenal Street, City, contained two handwritten notes, as follows:

Note 1 written on a subpoena form for witness, Magistrate Form No. 526 - Class C, Demaree Stationery Company, 908 Walnut St., Kansas City, Missouri, the context of which is as follows:

"Had to move bags in hurry as report came in on radio --
Girl next door looked funny -- Couldn't wake you --
Stay here and I'll call when I can".

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Note 2 on a sheet of plain white paper, 6" x 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", the context of which is as follows:

"Stay where you are, baby -- I'll see you in short order -- Tell them you're not well and they'll (landlady) bring you food -- Just say your husband was called away unexpectedly".

Special Officer [REDACTED] Special Officer [REDACTED]
11th District, St. Louis, Missouri Police Department

Can testify that at the time of the arrest of POLLY DOLORES LANE, at 4:00 a.m., October 7, 1953, at her home, 2023 North 9th Street, they recovered a brown leather wallet containing \$218.16, plus miscellaneous receipts and papers contained therein. Also, three unidentified photographs.

Can testify that at the time of interview of Mrs. TOZZIE M. WEBB, landlady at 4504 Arsenal Street, they obtained \$25.00, consisting of a twenty dollar bill and a five dollar bill, representing the amount paid to Mrs. WEBB for rent of the apartment, in the name of Mr. JOHN GRANT.

Can also testify to obtaining from Mrs. WEBB a rent receipt, dated October 5, 1953, showing received of Mr. JOHN GRANT, twenty dollars for rent of two rooms from October 5, 1953 to October 12, 1953, signed, Mrs. TOZZIE M. WEBB.

Lieutenant LOUIS SHOULDERS, 11th District,
St. Louis, Missouri Police Department

Can testify that he received from his informant, Mr. JOHN HAGER, \$1,180 in twenty dollar bills, representing balance of money in HAGER's possession from the monies given to HAGER by CARL AUSTIN HALL, known to HAGER as STEVE STRAND.

Special Agent [REDACTED], FBI, St. Louis, Missouri.

Can testify that at approximately 8:00 p.m., on October 7, 1953, all of the foregoing listed property and monies were turned over to him by Special Officers LARRY KING and WILLIAM CARSON, under the direction of Lieutenant LOUIS SHOULDERS.

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Will further testify that the \$151,000 in the black metal suitcase, by actual count, consisted of \$75,000 in twenties and \$76,000 in tens.

Will testify that the \$137,510 contained in the green metal handtrunk, by actual count, represented \$50,000 in twenties and \$87,510 in tens.

Will testify that at approximately 8:00 p.m. on October 7, 1953, all of the currency included in the property received for at the 11th District, St. Louis Police Department, was transported to the Plaza Bank, 13th and Olive Streets, where it was secured in a combination-type vault, the combination of which is known only to Special Agent [redacted] and Special Agent [redacted] b7c

Will testify that under his [redacted] direction, Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted], on October 7, 8, and 9, 1953, at the Plaza Bank, examined each bill included in the above currency, noting the serial number on each bill and checking the serial number against the serial numbers on the original list of twenty dollar and ten dollar bills included in the ransom money.

Will testify that based on the examination of the serial numbers and comparison with the master list of serial numbers of the ransom money, the following amounts of currency as receipted for at the St. Louis Police Department were identified as part of the ransom money:

<u>FROM</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Black Suitcase	\$151,000.00 ✓
Green Handtrunk	137,510.00 ✓
From HALL's Person	740.00 ✓
From HALL's pony-skin billfold	2,490.00 ✓
From HEADY's leather purse	2,000.00 ✓
From POLLY LANE's purse	200.00 ✓
From TOZZIE WEBB	20.00 ✓
From JOHN HAGER	1,180.00 ✓
	<u>\$295,140.00</u>

The original ransom list of serial numbers with the serial numbers of the twenty dollar and ten dollar bills contained in the black suitcase and green handtrunk, crossed off in red, is being retained in the St. Louis Office files. Also contained in the St. Louis Office files is a record of the serial

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numbers of the twenty dollar and ten dollar bills obtained from the possession of HALL, HEADY, LANE, WEBB, and HAGER, which bills were identified by serial number with the serial numbers on the original ransom list.

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[REDACTED]
Barrett-Weber Ford Company
3122 South Kingshighway

Will testify that she is familiar with the transaction made by HALL on October 5, 1953 whereby in payment for a 1947 Nash automobile, HALL made payment in ten dollar and twenty dollar bills.

Will testify that she is reasonably certain that the ten and twenty dollar bills paid by HALL were deposited with the funds of the Barrett-Weber Ford Company on October 6, 1953, at the Tower Grove Bank.

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[REDACTED]
Tower Grove Bank
3134 South Grand Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri

Will testify that included in his work for October 6, 1953 was a deposit from Barrett-Weber Ford Company as evidenced by deposit slip which included \$2119.00 in currency.

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[REDACTED]
Tower Grove Bank

Will upon receipt of subpoena duces tecum produce and identify the original deposit ticket for Barrett-Weber Ford Company, dated October 6, 1953 for \$13,735.26 which includes currency of \$2119.00.

Will testify that on October 8, 1953 when contacted by SA [REDACTED] he was able to locate approximately \$8000 in ten and twenty dollar bills from teller [REDACTED] cage bearing labels dated October 6, 1953 and that such bills were made available to SA [REDACTED] for examination of serial numbers.

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Will produce the following twenty dollar bills (enumerated by serial numbers) which were set aside in a sealed envelope after having been advised by SA [REDACTED] that such bills contained serial numbers identical with serial numbers of twenty dollar bills on the original ransom list:

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G27644994A	G27389312A	G25752779A	G42556527A	G52893757A
G16785726A	G23847464A	G04214298A	G34399965B	
G15783722A	G21686169A	G54143931A	G38764947B	
G21133386A	G11055762A	G15859405A	G16023473A	

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Special Agent [REDACTED]
F.B.I., St. Louis, Missouri

Will testify that the above listed serial numbers of the twenty dollar bills, in possession of Mr. IRWIN GEIMER, were checked against the serial numbers listed in the original list of ransom paid and found to be identical with serial numbers in the original ransom list.

POLLY LANE
2023 North 9th Street
St. Louis Missouri

Can testify that on October 6, 1953 she purchased a coat at Myles Dress Shop and in payment gave two \$20 bills which she had received that day from SANDRA O'DAY.

[REDACTED]
Saleslady, Myles Dress Shop
2711 North 14th Street
St. Louis, Missouri

Will testify that on October 6, 1953, she sold a blue coarse cloth coat to an unknown lady accompanied by a young girl and that the purchase was paid for in cash but she cannot recall what denomination bill.

Special Agent [REDACTED]
F.B.I., St. Louis, Missouri

Will testify that in the presence of [REDACTED] of Myles Dress Shop, he checked the day's receipts for October 6, 1953 and among the bills examined were twenty dollar bills bearing serial numbers G16278811A and G48258041A, which were verified by him to be identical with serial numbers listed on the original list of ransom paid.

[REDACTED]
Myles Dress Shop
2711 North 14th Street
St. Louis, Missouri

Will produce the above two twenty dollar bills and testify that these two bills were examined by Special Agent [REDACTED] on October 7, 1953.

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[REDACTED]
Driver, Ace Cab Company
210 North Spring Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri

Will testify that he received one twenty dollar bill from JOHN HAGER for cab service to HAGER on October 6, 1953, and that this twenty dollar bill was turned over to Special Agent: [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] on October 9, 1953.

Will upon having exhibited to him copy of the receipt dated October 12, 1953 for twenty dollar bill, serial number G31085078A, identify the same as being signed by him.

Special Agent [REDACTED]
F.B.I., St. Louis, Missouri

Will testify that the one twenty dollar bill received from [REDACTED] bore serial number G31085078A, and that the serial number of this bill was checked and found to be identical with a serial number included in the serial numbers of twenty dollar bills which were part of the original ransom.

[REDACTED]
Packwood's Luggage Company
215 North 7th Street
St. Louis, Missouri

Will testify that on October 6, 1953, at approximately 1:20 p.m., an unknown man purchased two pieces of Samsonite luggage and that the customer made payment for the luggage with five ten dollar bills.

Will testify that he witnessed Special Agent [REDACTED] examine the serial numbers of the ten dollar bills in his possession and that Agent [REDACTED] later informed him that one ten dollar bill, still in his possession, was identified as part of the ransom money.

: Will upon having exhibited to him copy of receipt October 12, 1953 for ten dollar bill, serial number H10456796A identify the same as being signed by him.

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Special Agent [REDACTED]
F.B.I., St. Louis, Missouri

Will testify that a ten dollar bill in the possession of [REDACTED], serial number H10456796A, was identified as identical with the serial number of one ten dollar bill listed on the original ransom list.

Will testify that after identification was made, ten dollar bill, serial number H10456796A, was obtained from [REDACTED] who was reimbursed.

HERMAN JOSEPH DRESTE

[REDACTED]
St. Louis, Missouri

Will testify that included in payments received for services to SANDRA O'DAY, were three ten dollar bills, serial numbers H06057312A, H05840236B, and H24136279A, which were turned over to Special Agents [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] on October 8, 1953.

Will produce receipt dated October 9, 1953 given him by SA [REDACTED] for three ten dollar bills, serial numbers H06057312A, H05840236B, and H24136279A.

Special Agent [REDACTED]
F.B.I., St. Louis, Missouri

Will testify that the three above enumerated ten dollar bills, received from DRESTE, were identified with serial numbers of three ten dollar bills included on the original ransom list.

[REDACTED]
Western Auto Company
3736 South Grand Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri

Will testify that included in his receipts for October 8, 1953 was a twenty dollar bill, serial number G51826263A, and will further testify that on that day a payment was received from [REDACTED] for previous purchases.

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Will upon having exhibited to him copy of receipt October 9, 1953 for twenty dollar bill, serial number G51826263A, identify the same as having been signed by him.

[REDACTED], Laclede Cab Company
Route 2, Robertsville, Missouri

Will testify that on October 8, 1953 he had made payment to the Western Auto Company, 3736 Grand Avenue, in payment of a bill owed to that company, with a twenty dollar bill which he had obtained from subject HALL in payment of services.

Special Agent [REDACTED]
F.B.I., St. Louis, Missouri

Will testify that the twenty dollar bill turned over by [REDACTED] of Western Auto Company, serial number G51826263A, was identified as identical with the serial number of a twenty dollar bill listed on the original ransom list.

JOHN HAGER, Taxi Cab Driver, ACE CAB COMPANY
1835 Washington, St. Louis, Missouri

Will testify that on October 6, 1953 he made purchase of leather suit case and brief case at Ber-Neu Leather Goods Co. and made payment for same with currency given him by CARL AUSTIN HALL known to him as STEVE STRAND.

[REDACTED] Ber-Neu Leather Goods Company
1810 Washington Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri

Will testify that on October 7, 1953 his records will disclose a sale in the amount of \$66.49, and that on October 9, 1953, when contacted by Special Agents [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] there was located together with the receipt of this sale, in a white envelope, four twenty dollar bills and one ten dollar bill.

Will upon having exhibited to him copy of the receipt dated October 12, 1953 for two twenty dollar bills, Serial numbers G10010229A and G49260780A, identify the same as being signed by him.

Special Agent [REDACTED]
F.B.I., St. Louis, Missouri

Will testify that the above referred to twenty dollar bills and ten dollar bill were examined by him and that two of the

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twenty dollar bills, serial numbers G49260780A and G10010229A, were identified by him as being identical with the serial numbers of two twenty dollar bills listed on the original ransom list. b7c

[REDACTED]
Laclede Cab Company
Route 2, Robertsville, Missouri

Will testify that on October 5, 1953, an individual later identified as CARL HALL was a passenger in his cab and made payment with twenty dollar bills.

Will testify that he turned over to Special Agents [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] one of the twenty dollar bills.

Will upon having exhibited to him copy of the receipt dated October 9, 1953 for twenty dollar bill, serial number G24123743A, identify the same as being signed by him.

Special Agent [REDACTED]
F.B.I., St. Louis, Missouri

Will testify that the twenty dollar bill turned over to him by [REDACTED] bore serial number G24123743A, which was identified by him as identical with the serial number of a twenty dollar bill appearing on the original ransom list.

Lt. LOUIS SHOULDERS
11th District
St. Louis, Mo. Police Dept.

Can testify that at time of arrest of CARL AUSTIN HALL on October 6, 1953 he obtained from HALL's possession 3 x 6 card evidencing "1953 Agents License, State of Missouri Division of Insurance, Jefferson City, Missouri, authorizing Commercial Life Insurance Company of Missouri to license CARL A. HALL, 618 N. 11th Street, St. Joseph, Missouri, as of March 1, 1953."

Patrolman ELMER DOLAN, 11th District
St. Louis, Missouri, Police Department

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Will testify that on his return trip to the Town House Apartment of CARL AUSTIN HALL, he recovered from the apartment a plain white envelope containing notations on one side relating to various items of men's wearing apparel and on the other side a series of ciphers in vertical listing as follows 2,4,1,4 and 20.

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[REDACTED]
Third District
St. Louis Police Department
St. Louis, Missouri

Can testify that 1952 blue Ford Coach, Motor Number B2XC-139524, was recovered at 2855 Utah, St. Louis, Missouri at 11:50 p.m. on October 6, 1953. He can testify that he requested this automobile be towed by Nelson's Road Service, 3730 Olive Street, St. Louis, Missouri, to their garage at 3730 Olive Street, St. Louis, Missouri.

Special Agents [REDACTED]
and [REDACTED]
St. Louis Office
Federal Bureau of Investigation
St. Louis, Missouri

Can testify that the above-described 1952 blue Ford Coach, Motor Number B2XC-139524, was examined by them on October 7, 1953 while it was located at 3730 Olive Street, St. Louis, Missouri. These agents can testify that the following items were located in this automobile:

1. One piece of flat metal approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ " wide and $5 \frac{3}{4}$ " long, found under the front seat, left side.
2. Debris found on the rear floor mat containing an unknown red substance.
3. Ten lifts of fingerprints
4. One small piece of knotted string found on the rear floor mat.
5. One Raleigh brand cigarette butt located in ash tray on automobile dash.
6. One cash register tape dated October 4, Numbered 6598, found under the front seat, left side.

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7. One match book cover found on the back seat ledge and containing the words "Putthoff Modern Cottages" printed on the outside.
8. Partly used package of Fall Mall cigarettes found under the front seat, right side.
9. One Standard Oil Company Missouri highway map located on the rear seat cushion.
10. Three hairs found on the rear floor mat.

Special Agent

St. Louis Office
Federal Bureau of Investigation
St. Louis, Missouri

Can testify that they located 1947, 4-door, maroon-colored Nash, Motor Number KE-37017, with no license tag, at 3547 Arsenal Street, St. Louis, Missouri, on October 7, 1953. They can testify that this Nash automobile was towed to Von Hoffman's Auto-It-Shop Garage, 111 South Ninth Street, St. Louis, Missouri, at 6:05 p.m. on October 7, 1953.

These agents can further testify that the following items were obtained from this 1947 Nash automobile upon examination of this car on October 7, 1953:

1. Title, No. 2796271, made out in the name of HAROLD PROOT, 2711 Hanson, for a 1947 Nash, Motor Number KE-37017, and signed by HAROLD H. PROOT and reassigned on October 5, 1953 by THOMAS RINLAND of Barrett-Weber, Inc.
2. Original bill of sale dated October 5, 1953 made out in the name of S. GRANT, Elgin, Illinois, for 1947 Nash, from Barrett-Weber, Inc., 3122 South Kingshighway, St. Louis, Missouri.
3. Barrett-Weber, Inc. invoice dated October 5, 1953, No. 11141, to S. GRANT, Elgin, Illinois.

4. S.E.I. Warranty No. A-138505 issued by Barrett-Weber, Inc. to S. GRANT, Elgin, Illinois.
5. One plain white piece of paper measuring approximately 5" x 7", on which is diagrammed in pencil the intersections of Manchester and Kirkham, with the notations "Mars" and "Cont" thereon.
6. Ignition and rear trunk keys to instant 1947 Nash attached to metal ring with description of automobile on attached tag.
7. One brown legal size envelope bearing the name "S. GRANT" in pencil.



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He was formerly a car salesman for Barrett-Weber, Inc., 3122 South Kingshighway, St. Louis, Missouri, can testify that he sold the above-described 1947 maroon-colored Nash automobile, Motor Number KE-37017, to subject CARL AUSTIN HALL on October 5, 1953.

Special Agents [redacted]
 St. Louis Office
 Federal Bureau of Investigation
 St. Louis, Missouri

Can testify that the following items were obtained from cabin 49A, Coral Courts Motel, 7755 Watson Road, Highway 66, St. Louis County, Missouri, on October 7, 1953:

1. One pair men's maroon ankle socks.
2. Partly used package of book matches containing 15 unused matches, with the words "Enjoy Falstaff Premium Quality Beer", printed on the outside.

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3. One 12-tablet box of "Reeds" aspirin tablets containing 10 tablets.
4. One small piece of celluloid which appears to be type frequently used around collar button on a man's new dress shirt.
5. One envelope bearing the return address of Coral Courts, 7755 Watson Road, Highway 66, St. Louis County 19, Missouri.
6. Two sheets of stationery bearing the address of Coral Courts, 7755 Watson Road, St. Louis 19, Missouri.
7. Fragmentary portions of fingerprints obtained from room, Cabin 49A, and transferred to 8 pieces of fingerprint tape.

Special Agents [REDACTED]

and [REDACTED]

St. Louis Office
Federal Bureau of Investigation
St. Louis, Missouri

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Can testify that the following items were obtained by them from Room 303, Town House Hotel, 5316 Pershing Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri, on October 7, 1953. The following items were obtained from the medicine cabinet in the bathroom:

1. One Gillette razor.
2. One Gillette styrene traveling case.
3. One Gillette blade dispenser and blades.
4. One bottle of Woodbury brand after-shave lotion.
5. One can of Mennen brand talcum powder.
6. One plastic tooth brush.
7. One tube of Colgate brand toothpaste.

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The following items were obtained from the closet of Room 303:

8. One men's type undershirt, Globe brand, size 38.
9. One pair men's type nylon shorts, Munsingwear brand, size 36.
10. One white handkerchief.

The following items were obtained from the waste paper basket in the kitchenette of Room 303:

11. One cash sales slip issued by Boyd's Department Store, Customer Receipt No. 2307-29, dated October 6, 1953, for the sale of one hat and one belt, purchased for the amount of \$25.35.
12. One cash sales slip issued by Boyd's Department Store, Customer Receipt No. 2307-28, concerning the sale of one pair of cufflinks purchased in the amount of \$7.93.
13. One cash sales slip issued by Boyd's Department Store, Customer Receipt No. 2307-30, total amount of purchases \$11.22.
14. Three fingerprint lifts taken from Apartment 303:
1 from the medicine cabinet mirror
1 from the glass table top
1 from the bottom of an ash tray

Lieutenant LOUIS SHOULDERS
11th District
St. Louis Police Department
St. Louis, Missouri

Can testify that the following items of personal property were obtained from subject BONNIE EMILY BROWN HEADY:

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1. One ladies diamond ring, dinner.
2. One ladies diamond ring.
3. One ladies watch, Hamilton brand, square open face surrounded by small diamonds.
4. Two ladies earrings, costume.
5. One pin, plastic squirrel.
6. One ladies belt, black plastic.
7. Two dresses.

He can also testify that one book of matches with the words "Luper's El Rancho Motel, 8600 E. 40 Highway, Kansas City, Missouri" and with the words "ROBT. LEONTERAK" on the inside of the cover written in pencil, was obtained from BONNIE EMILY BROWN HEADY.

Special Agent [REDACTED]
St. Louis Office
Federal Bureau of Investigation
St. Louis, Missouri

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Can testify that on October 9, 1953 he received the above-described seven items of personal property and the book of matches from Lieutenant LOUIS SHOULDERS, 11th District, St. Louis Police Department.

Special Agents [REDACTED]
and [REDACTED]
St. Louis Office
Federal Bureau of Investigation
St. Louis, Missouri

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Can testify that the following items of clothing were furnished to them on October 9, 1953 by subject HEADY:

1. One gray dress.
2. One pair of black pumps.

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3. One pair of hose.
4. One slip.
5. One pair of pants.

Special Agent [REDACTED]
St. Louis Office
Federal Bureau of Investigation
St. Louis, Missouri

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Can testify that a gray felt hat with a green feather ornament, the personal property of subject HEADY, was taken into custody from subject HEADY on October 7, 1953.

Special Agents [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
St. Louis Office
Federal Bureau of Investigation
St. Louis, Missouri

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Can testify that eleven pages of handprinting specimens were obtained from subject HEADY at the St. Louis, Missouri City Jail on October 9, 1953.

Special Agents [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
St. Louis Office
Federal Bureau of Investigation
St. Louis, Missouri

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Can testify that three pages of handprinting specimens were obtained from subject BONNIE EMILY HEADY at the St. Louis, Missouri City Jail on October 12, 1953.

Special Agents [REDACTED]
and [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
St. Louis Office
Federal Bureau of Investigation
St. Louis, Missouri

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Can testify that the following items of clothing were obtained from subject CARL AUSTIN HALL on October 9, 1953:

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1. One pair of maroon colored nylon men's hose with elastic tops.
2. One men's rayon undershirt, Cooper brand, size medium.
3. One pair of nylon men's shorts, size 36.
4. One white nylon men's shirt, Penny's Town-craft brand, size 16-33.
5. One pair of men's brown colored gabardine slacks.
6. One man's light brown sport coat, checked design, Richmond Brothers label (4-24-53).

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Special Agents [redacted]
and [redacted]
St. Louis Office
Federal Bureau of Investigation
St. Louis, Missouri

Can testify that 12 pages of handprinting specimens were obtained from subject CARL AUSTIN HALL on October 9, 1953 at the St. Louis, Missouri City Jail.

Special Agent [redacted]
St. Louis Office
Federal Bureau of Investigation
St. Louis, Missouri

Can testify that he obtained one shoe heel print from subject CARL AUSTIN HALL on October 11, 1953 at the St. Louis, Missouri City Jail.

Special Agents [redacted]
and [redacted]
St. Louis Office
Federal Bureau of Investigation
St. Louis, Missouri

Can testify that 20 pages of handprinting specimens were obtained from subject CARL AUSTIN HALL on October 12, 1953 at St. Louis, Missouri City Jail.

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[REDACTED]
St. Louis, Missouri

Can testify that he recovered one trunk tray from beside the garage in the rear of 2204 Wyoming, St. Louis, Missouri, and that this trunk tray was turned over to Special Agents [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] on October 8, 1953.

Special Agents [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
St. Louis Office
Federal Bureau of Investigation
St. Louis, Missouri

Can testify that the above-described trunk tray was recovered from GEORGE LYONS, 2204 Wyoming, St. Louis, Missouri, on October 8, 1953 and that this trunk tray was pointed out by subject HALL as being the one discarded from a trunk in which he stored ransom money.

Special Agents [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
St. Louis Office
Federal Bureau of Investigation
St. Louis, Missouri

Can testify that they took custody of the above-described trunk tray from Special Agents [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] on October 8, 1953.

Special Agent [REDACTED]
St. Louis Office
Federal Bureau of Investigation
St. Louis, Missouri

Can testify to having found two plastic bags "Magic Clothes Dampeners", on October 8, 1953 inside a trash can located inside the porch of cottage "Thelma", 467 Yarnall, St. Louis County, Missouri. These plastic bags were pointed out to Special Agent [REDACTED] by subject HALL as having been discarded by HALL.

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Special Agents [REDACTED]
and [REDACTED]
St. Louis Office
Federal Bureau of Investigation
St. Louis, Missouri

Can testify that they recovered the above-described two plastic bags "Magic Clothes Dampeners" on October 8, 1953 at cottage "Thelma", 467 Yarnell, St. Louis County, Missouri.

Special Agent [REDACTED]
St. Louis Office
Federal Bureau of Investigation
St. Louis, Missouri

Can testify that one Lake Erie brand shovel was pointed out to him by subject CARL AUSTIN HALL on October 8, 1953, which shovel was located in the underbrush on the north side of Rudder Road, west of the intersection of Rudder Road and Yarnell Road, St. Louis County, Missouri.

Special Agents [REDACTED]
and [REDACTED]
St. Louis Office
Federal Bureau of Investigation
St. Louis, Missouri

Can testify that the above-described Lake Erie brand shovel was taken into temporary custody by them from SA [REDACTED] on October 8, 1953, at the point where it was located, and was in turn placed in custody of SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

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Special Agents [redacted]
and [redacted]
St. Louis Office
Federal Bureau of Investigation
St. Louis, Missouri

Can testify that they recovered one Lake Erie shovel located in the underbrush on the north side of Rudder Road west of the intersection of Rudder Road and Yarnall Road, St. Louis County, Missouri, on October 8, 1953.

Special Agent [redacted]
St. Louis Office
Federal Bureau of Investigation
St. Louis, Missouri

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Can testify that subject CARL AUSTIN HALL pointed out the area where the above-described Lake Erie shovel was recovered as being the place where he, HALL, discarded same.

Agent [redacted] can further testify that two galvanized trash cans, approximately 16 gallon capacity each, were located in cottage "Thelma", 467 Yarnall, St. Louis County, Missouri, on October 8, 1953. These cans were pointed out by subject HALL as having been purchased by him for the purpose of protecting the ransom money when he buried it.

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Special Agents [redacted]
and [redacted]
St. Louis Office
Federal Bureau of Investigation
St. Louis, Missouri

Can testify that they recovered the above-described two galvanized trash cans at cottage "Thelma", 467 Yarnall, St. Louis County, Missouri, on October 8, 1953.

Special Agents [redacted]
and [redacted]
St. Louis Office
Federal Bureau of Investigation
St. Louis, Missouri

Can testify that a green canvas duffel bag was recovered at 6:01 p.m. on October 8, 1953 from a rubbish can located in an alley at the rear of a garage located on the lot at 2200-02 Wyoming Street, St. Louis, Missouri.

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The location of this duffel bag was pointed out to SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] by HALL [REDACTED]

Special Agents [REDACTED]
and [REDACTED]
St. Louis Office
Federal Bureau of Investigation
St. Louis, Missouri

Can testify that above described green canvas duffel bag was taken into custody on October 8, 1953 at 2200-02 Wyoming Street, St. Louis, Missouri, and identified.

[REDACTED]
St. Louis, Missouri

Can testify that the rubbish can located at the rear of the garage on the lot at [REDACTED] Wyoming Street, St. Louis, Missouri, in which the above described green canvas duffel bag was located is his property and was turned over to Special Agents [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] on October 8, 1953.

Special Agents [REDACTED]
and [REDACTED]
St. Louis Office
Federal Bureau of Investigation
St. Louis, Missouri

Can testify that the above described rubbish can in which the above described duffel bag was recovered at [REDACTED] Wyoming Street, St. Louis, Missouri, on October 8, 1953 was turned over to them by [REDACTED] on October 8, 1953.

[REDACTED]
St. Louis, Missouri

Can testify that a piece of blue plastic material was observed by them on a cardboard box beside a trash can located in the back of the yard at [REDACTED] St. Louis, Missouri, prior to October 12, 1953.

[REDACTED]
St. Louis, Missouri

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Can testify that he, on October 8, 1953, obtained the above-mentioned blue plastic material from the cardboard box located behind 3301 Oregon, St. Louis, Missouri, and that he turned the plastic material over to [REDACTED] St. Louis, Missouri. (Neighbors have reported that [REDACTED] is mentally retarded.)

[REDACTED]
St. Louis, Missouri

Can testify that she received the above-described blue plastic material from [REDACTED] and that on October 12, 1953 she turned over this material to Special Agents [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

Special Agents [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
St. Louis Office
Federal Bureau of Investigation
St. Louis, Missouri

Can testify that a blue plastic material approximately 4' 8" square was turned over to them by [REDACTED] St. Louis, Missouri, on October 12, 1953.

Special Agents [REDACTED]

and [REDACTED]
St. Louis Office
Federal Bureau of Investigation
St. Louis, Missouri

Can testify that subject CARL A. HALL at 8:35 p.m. on October 12, 1953 identified the above-described blue plastic material as being the same and part of the material in which he wrapped the GREENLEASE child for burial.

[REDACTED]
St. Louis, Missouri

Can testify that a piece of cotton rope similar to a window sash cord was found by her small boy in the immediate vicinity of her home prior to October 12, 1953 and that this piece of rope was turned over to Special Agents [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] on October 12, 1953.

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Special Agents [REDACTED]
and [REDACTED]
St. Louis Office
Federal Bureau of Investigation
St. Louis, Missouri

Can testify that the above-described cotton rope, which is approximately 8 feet, 7 inches in length, was obtained from [REDACTED] Street, St. Louis, Missouri, on October 12, 1953.

[REDACTED]
St. Louis, Missouri

Can testify that subject CARL AUSTIN HALL entered the tavern at 3225 Morganford, St. Louis, Missouri, between 2:00 and 2:30 p.m. on October 5, 1953 by himself. He can further testify that HALL entered wearing a tie and that when he left the tavern no tie was worn by him. [REDACTED] can further testify that he, [REDACTED], went into the men's room immediately after HALL left the tavern and found a wine and blue colored tie which he believes was worn by HALL.

Special Agents [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]
St. Louis Office
Federal Bureau of Investigation
St. Louis, Missouri

Can testify that the above tie, described as wine and blue colored, was turned over to them on October 8, 1953 by [REDACTED], St. Louis, Missouri.

[REDACTED]
Boyd's Clayton Store
7823 Forsythe
Clayton, Missouri

Can testify that one pair of brown men's shoes were left by subject CARL AUSTIN HALL at the Boyd's Clayton Store on October 6, 1953, after subject HALL had purchased a new pair of shoes.

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Special Agents [REDACTED]
and [REDACTED]
St. Louis Office
Federal Bureau of Investigation
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Can testify that on October 12, 1953 [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Boyd's Clayton Store, 7823
Forryne, Clayton, Missouri, turned over the above-
described men's shoes to them. These shoes are
equipped with rubber heels which are imprinted with
the marking "B. F. Goodrich".

EDGAR B. SHELDON
Office Manager
Congress Hotels
St. Louis, Missouri

Can furnish one Congress Hotel registration card
#57 dated October 6, 1953, registered in the name
of JOHN HAGER, 5015a Page, St. Louis, Missouri,
which card was executed by a male individual for
a room at the Town House Hotel, 5316 Pershing, St.
Louis, Missouri.

Special Agent [REDACTED]
St. Louis Office
Federal Bureau of Investigation
St. Louis, Missouri

Can testify that the above-described Congress
Hotel registration card #57 for JOHN HAGER was
turned over to him by EDGAR B. SHELDON on October
7, 1953.

JESSE CARR
Coral Courts Motel
Highway 66
St. Louis County, Missouri

Can testify that one registration card for the
dates October 5, 6, 7, 1953 for cottage #49A,
was executed on October 5, 1953 in the name of Mr.
and Mrs. ROBT. WHITE, Chicago, Illinois.

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Special Agent [REDACTED]
St. Louis Office
Federal Bureau of Investigation
St. Louis, Missouri

Can testify that on October 7, 1953 the above-described registration card for Mr. and Mrs. ROBT. WHITE for cottage #104 at the Coral Courts Motel was turned over to him by JESSE CARR.

[REDACTED]
11th District
St. Louis Police Department
St. Louis, Missouri

Can testify that one can of Brasco plastic spray was recovered from a green Plymouth Sedan, 1952, Motor Number F23-657128, which had been rented from Heater Rent-A-Car Service, 3685 Olive, St. Louis, Missouri on October 6, 1953.

Special Agent [REDACTED]
St. Louis Office
Federal Bureau of Investigation
St. Louis, Missouri

Can testify that the above-described can of Brasco plastic spray was received from Corporal [REDACTED] 11th District, St. Louis, Missouri Police Department, on October 12, 1953.

MARY J. WEBB
4504 Arsenal
St. Louis, Missouri

Can testify that a torn piece of yellow paper from a telephone directory, on which there appears the letters "MA 8495" and "4021 Forest Park" and a paper tooth pick holder on which there appears "Pete's Cafe, Booneville, Mo., AAA", were found in the apartment occupied by subject CARL AUSTIN HALL at the address of 4504 Arsenal, St. Louis, Missouri.

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Special Agents [REDACTED]
and [REDACTED]
St. Louis Office
Federal Bureau of Investigation
St. Louis, Missouri

Can testify that on October 8, 1953 they received the above-described piece of yellow paper from a telephone directory and the paper tooth pick holder from MARY J. WEBB, 4504 Arsenal, St. Louis, Missouri.

FOLLY LANE
2023a North Ninth Street
St. Louis, Missouri

Can testify that she received a telegram from SANDRA O'DAY dated October 6, 1953 at Columbia, Missouri. This telegram states "Hold wire until I contact you. Will advise later. Plans have changed. Don't worry. Love and kisses. SANDY".

She can further testify that she received a telegram from SANDRA O'DAY dated October 6, 1953 at Kansas City, Missouri and that this telegram states "Everything fine. Don't worry love. SANDY".

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Special Agents [REDACTED]
and [REDACTED]
St. Louis Office
Federal Bureau of Investigation
St. Louis, Missouri

Can testify that the above-described telegrams dated October 6, 1953 and sent from Columbia, Missouri and Kansas City, Missouri were turned over to them on October 7, 1953 by FOLLY LANE, 2023a North Ninth Street, St. Louis, Missouri.

HERMAN J. DRESTE
[REDACTED]
St. Louis, Missouri

Can testify that he furnished a receipt dated October 6, 1953, No. B5849, for Room 317, Aladdin Hotel, Kansas City, Missouri, on October 9, 1953 to SA [REDACTED]. He can testify that he remained over night at this hotel.

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Special Agent [REDACTED]
St. Louis Office
Federal Bureau of Investigation
St. Louis, Missouri

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Can testify that the above-described receipt from the Aladdin Hotel, Kansas City, Missouri, was received by him from HERMAN J. DRESTE, [REDACTED] St. Louis, Missouri, on October 9, 1953.

JOHN HAGER
1835 Washington Street
(See Cab Company)
St. Louis, Missouri

Can testify that he received a telegram dated October 7, 1953 at Kansas City, Missouri from SANDRA O'DAY. This telegram is addressed to "FALUN WILSON, 1835 Washington St., St. Louis" and states as follows: "Checked in St. Jo. Coal. Stick to client like glue. Will wire you from L.A. Love. SANDY".

Special Agent [REDACTED]
Federal Bureau of Investigation
St. Louis Office
St. Louis, Missouri

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Can testify that on October 8, 1953 he received the above-described telegram from JOHN HAGER.

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A. SUMMARY OF FBI LABORATORY EXAMINATIONS

FBI Laboratory Examination (PC-36842BN) of gray dress (Q47) and slip (Q49), articles of clothing removed from person of BONNIE HEADY at St. Louis City Jail October 9, 1953, reflects that positive results were obtained from preliminary chemical tests for the presence of blood on stains appearing on both articles, indicating presence of blood; however, there was not a sufficient quantity of material in these stains to allow other tests.

FBI Laboratory Examination (PC-36838 BN) of personal clothing removed from CARL AUSTIN HALL at the St. Louis City Jail on October 9, 1953 states that such clothing was examined for presence of human blood with negative results.

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FBI Laboratory Examination (D-17366L CJ) of twelve pages of handprinting and handwriting as obtained from CARL AUSTIN HALL, by Special Agent [redacted] relates that it was not possible to reach a definite opinion as to whether HALL prepared the questioned handprinting appearing on Specimens Q2 through Q5, Q15 through Q18, Q22 and Q23, all of which are the ransom notes in this case.

FBI Laboratory Examination (D-173666 CJ) stated that known handwriting (K14) of BONNIE HEADY as contained in a letter signed "BONNIE" and sent to Mrs. T. R. BAKER, Hyde Park Hotel, Chicago, Illinois, (aunt of BONNIE HEADY), is not comparable with the hand printing appearing on the ransom notes. It was further concluded that BONNIE HEADY (K14) did not prepare the questioned handwriting on Specimens Q65 and Q66 which are two notes contained in the envelope addressed to Mrs. ESTER GRANT, 1504 Arsenal St., City, as obtained by officers of the St. Louis Police Department at the time of their arrest of HEADY. It could not be determined whether BONNIE HEADY (K14) prepared the name "ROBT. LEDTHERMAN" contained inside the match folder (designated Q52), which Lt. SHOVELERS stated was obtained from the apartment at 4504 Arsenal Street.

FBI Laboratory Examination (PC-36850 BN) stated it was not possible to determine whether handwriting on Q64 (plain white envelope addressed in pencil to Mrs. ESTER GRANT, 1504 Arsenal, City, as found in purse of BONNIE HEADY), on Q65 (sheet of white paper bearing handwritten note, "Stay where you are -- in short order" found in purse of HEADY), on Q66, (subpoena form bearing handwritten note, "Had to move bags in hurry . . . etc", also found in HEADY's purse), on Q70 (guest registration card at Congress Hotel, bearing signature "JOHN HAGIR") was written by CARL AUSTIN HALL (K8, 12 pages of known handwriting of HALL) because of limited known handwriting of HALL is not sufficiently comparable with questioned material.

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The above laboratory examination also concluded that Specimen Q68 (Venus drawing pencil, type 2H, found in HEADY's purse) was not used to place markings on envelope Q1 (the envelope containing the word "GREENLEASE" affixed with scotch tape) since markings on Q1 are brown and yellow whereas markings by Q68 are black.

FBI Laboratory Examination (PC-368L9 AR) states that the three .38 caliber Smith and Wesson cartridge cases submitted by Kansas City and reportedly found in the ashes and trash container at 1201 South 38th St., St. Joseph, Missouri, upon microscopic comparison with test cartridge cases fired in K9 (.38 caliber S & W snub nose revolver, Serial 69820 (Butt) 85659 (Crane) received from St. Louis, Missouri Police Department, as obtained from Town House apartment of HALL) were all identified as having been fired in this weapon.

Specimen K10 (five .38 S & W cartridges received from St. Louis, Missouri Police Department as obtained from gun found in Town House apartment of HALL) are similar to cartridges originally contained in the Remington cartridge box reportedly found in the kitchen of HEADY's St. Joseph, Missouri residence.

Specimen K11 (.25 caliber Astra automatic chrome-plated pistol, Serial 686153, found by St. Louis, Missouri Police Department in the purse of HEADY) was stated as bearing the same serial number as that appearing on the brown box reportedly found in HEADY's St. Joseph, Missouri residence.

K9 (described above) was stated as bearing serial number 69820, the same number which was found written in crayon on the bottom of the red box for a Smith and Wesson .38 caliber Terrier revolver, found in the HEADY residence.

FBI Laboratory Examination (PC 368L1 BN-GH) stated that no human blood, and no visible or invisible laundry marks were found on clothing, (Q 44, 45, and 46) obtained from HALL's Town House apartment.

FBI Laboratory Examination (PC 368L0 BN-GH) of Q42 (debris found on rear floor mat of 1952 Ford coach, motor B2KC139524 recovered at St. Louis, Mo.) and Q43 (three short lengths of hair found on rear floor mat of 1952 Ford coach) stated that very small bright red wax lumps were found in the debris found on the rear floor mat of the 1952 Ford coach and designated as specimen Q42 in the FBI Laboratory.

The material comprising the cross mark on the rock recovered at the corner of West 13th and Summit Streets, Kansas City, Missouri, designated as specimen Q62 and which will be listed in Laboratory report PC-368L8 GH to the Kansas City Office, and the material in the cross mark on the rock recovered beneath the Oak View sign 1.85 miles north of the junctions of U. S.

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Routes 69 and 169, North Kansas City, Missouri, were a bright red wax similar to the material comprising wax crayons. The red wax markings on the two stones were similar in color, texture and composition.

Microscopic, microchemical and spectrographic examinations of the wax lumps in specimen Q42 revealed them to be similar in color, texture and composition to the red wax markings on the stones. It is concluded that the very small lumps from the 1952 Ford and the red markings on the stones could have come from the same crayon.

Specimen Q43 consists of three hairs removed from the rear floor mat of the 1952 Ford coach. The hairs in Q43 are approximately 1 3/4 inches, 2 3/4 inches and 3 1/4 inches in length and are from a member or members of the Caucasian race. Two of these hairs are blonde in shade and the other hair is brown. The hairs in specimen Q43 were dissimilar to the known hairs removed from the body at 1201 South 38th Street, St. Joseph, Missouri, and could not have originated from the source of the hairs from the body. The natural hairs from the Ford, specimen Q43, are also dissimilar to dark red hairs that have been dyed and which are on a hairbrush found in an overnight kit on the bed in the southeast bedroom at 1201 South 38th Street, St. Joseph, Missouri.

FBI Laboratory Examination (PC-36839 BN-GH) states that the brassiere (Q40) as obtained from the black leather purse of HEADY was examined for human blood stains with negative results. The examination of the Papermate Ball Point pencil (Q41) as obtained from the purse of HEADY, showed that the ink in this ball point pencil is blue whereas the ink lines on the envelope (Q3) used in mailing a ransom note are black.

FBI Laboratory Examination (D-173663CJ and PC-36843 GH) states that the writing, "ROBT. LEDERMAN" (appearing on the inside of paper match cover, Q52, containing advertisement "LUPER'S EL RANCHO MOTEL and TINY and MARIE'S BLUE NOTE TAVERN", which was included in personal property of HEADY as obtained by St. Louis Police Department), was compared with known handwriting of BONNIE EMLY HEADY (consisting of signatures on fingerprint cards) but a definite conclusion could not be reached. The examination further showed that material composing foreign smears on the match cover (Q52) was too limited and contaminated for examination as to source.

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FBI Laboratory Examination (E-173752 CJ and D-173804 CJ) states that based on K16 (three sheets of paper bearing known hand printing of BONNIE HEADY); K17 (twenty sheets of paper bearing known hand printing of CARL AUSTIN HALL); K18 (eleven pages of known hand printing and handwriting of BONNIE HEADY), it was concluded that the questioned hand printing appearing on the first ransom letter, specimen Q2; the second ransom envelope and letter, specimens Q4 and Q5; and the envelopes and notes used in the first payoff attempt, specimens Q15 through Q18, was written by BONNIE HEADY, whose known hand printing is contained on specimen K16. It was not possible to reach a definite conclusion as to whether HEADY prepared the hand printing appearing on specimen Q3, the outer envelope for the first ransom letter, because of the disguise and distortion in the hand printing on Q3.


It was concluded that the hand printing appearing on the notes prepared on two self-sealed envelopes and used in connection with the proposed payoff scheduled in North Kansas City on Sunday morning, October 4, 1953, specimens Q22 and Q23, was prepared by CARL AUSTIN HALL, whose known handwriting and hand printing are contained on specimens K8 and K17. Specimen K8 was personally delivered to the Laboratory by Special Agent [REDACTED] of the St. Louis Division on October 10, 1953. It could not be determined whether HALL prepared the hand printing on Q3 because of the distortion apparent in the hand printing on this envelope. (b) (c)

It was not possible to determine whether BONNIE HEADY, K16 and K18, prepared the questioned handwriting on Q30, the hand printing on Q52, the handwriting on Q64 or the handwriting on Q70 because these specimens are not comparable with the questioned writing. Further, it could not be determined whether CARL AUSTIN HALL, K8 and K17, prepared the handwriting on Q30, the hand printing on Q52, the handwriting on Q64 through Q66 or the handwriting on Q70 because of the lack of comparable material.

Q30 is registration card for Pickwick Hotel, Kansas City, Missouri, No. 43602 dated September 29, 1953, signed "J. HALL and wife".

Q52 is the paper match cover containing advertisement "LUPER'S EL RANCHO MOTEL and TINY and MARIE'S BLUE NOTE TAVERN" with writing "ROBT. LEDTHERMAN" on the inside cover.

Q64 is the plain white envelope addressed to "Mrs. ESTER GRANT, 4504 Arsenal St., City".

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Q65 is the white sheet of paper containing handwritten pencil note, "Stay where you are, baby -- etc".

Q66 is the subpoena form containing handwritten note beginning, "Had to move bags in hurry -- etc".

Q70 is the guest registration card of Congress Hotel bearing signature "JOHN HAGER".

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VII. ELIMINATION OF SUSPECTS

A. [REDACTED] b7(c)

Re Bureau airtel, St. Louis, Missouri, dated October 6, 1953, requesting thorough investigation to determine activities of suspect [REDACTED] during pertinent kidnapping period. The following investigation was conducted by SA'S [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. Investigation was developed that [REDACTED] was admitted at 5:00 p.m., September 29, 1953, at St. Luke's Hospital, St. Louis, Missouri, and that he has not left the hospital up to the present time.

B. THOMAS JOHN MARSH

Subject HALL named one THOMAS JOHN MARSH as an accomplice in instant case. On October 9, 1953, the Bureau advised all offices that a UFAP - Murder complaint was filed in Kansas City Western District of Missouri before United States Commissioner CHARLES H. THOMPSON. Purpose of same was to locate and interview MARSH relative to HALL'S statement implicating MARSH.

At 1:50 a.m., October 12, 1953, HALL admitted during an interview that MARSH had no connection with instant case. On October 12, 1953, the Bureau advised by teletype to discontinue all investigation immediately regarding THOMAS JOHN MARSH.

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VIII. PROSECUTIVE ACTION

A. Description of Process b7c

On October 7, 1953, Special Agent [REDACTED] filed a complaint against CARL AUSTIN HALL and BONNIE BROWN HEADY at Kansas City, Missouri, before United States Commissioner CHARLES H. THOMPSON on the authority of United States Attorney EDWARD H. SCHEUFLER, Kansas City, Missouri, charging both HALL and HEADY with violation of Section 876, Title 18, United States Code in that on or about September 28, 1953 at Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri, in the Western District of Missouri, these subjects caused to be mailed an extortion letter through the United States Mails, demanding payment of a sum of money on or about September 28, 1953. United States Attorney SCHEUFLER recommended \$100,000 bond each on HALL and HEADY returnable forthwith at Kansas City, Missouri.

B. Arrest

On October 7, 1953, HALL and HEADY were brought before United States Commissioner EDWIN J. BEAN, St. Louis, Missouri, on the above charge. They were temporarily committed to the custody of the United States Marshal and placed in the St. Louis City Jail upon failure to make \$100,000 bond. HEADY and HALL were brought before United States Commissioner BEAN on October 9, 1953 by the United States Marshal on basis of a certified copy of the complaint and warrant issued in the Western District of Missouri against the subjects. They waived hearing and each was committed to the St. Louis City Jail in default of \$100,000 bond.

C. Removal

OMAR SCHNATMEIER, United States Marshal, St. Louis, Missouri, advised that HALL and HEADY were removed from the Eastern District of Missouri to the Western District of Missouri during the night of October 13 - 14, 1953 and turned over to the United States Marshal at Kansas City, Missouri, at approximately 3:45 A.M., October 14, 1953

IX. DESCRIPTIONS OF SUBJECTS

The following description of CARL AUSTIN HALL was obtained through observation and interrogation and from Identification Division records:

Name	CARL AUSTIN HALL, aliases John James Byrnes, Steve Strand, Robert White, John Grant, John Hager, R. Grant
Sex	Male
Race	White
Age	Born 7/1/19 at Kansas City, Mo.
Residences	1201 South 38th Street, St. Joseph, Mo.
Height	5' 10"
Weight	171 lbs.
Build	(a) Carriage - hunched or round shouldered (b) Waist - medium (c) Posture - head bent to right. Upper body inclined to slump. (d) General - stocky
Hair	(a) Color - medium brown (b) Texture - coarse, straight (c) Quantity, thin, greatly receding on sides. (d) Style - combed straight back, no part. (e) Hairline - pointed
Forehead	(a) Slope - receding (b) Height - medium (c) Width - wide (d) Peculiarities - slightly horizontal wrinkles
Eyes	(a) Color - light blue (b) Size - medium (c) Peculiarities - wide set (d) Eyebrows - arched, left eye-brow higher than right
Nose	(a) Line (Profile) - straight (b) Base - horizontal (c) Projection - medium (d) Length - short as compared to distance from base of nose to chin and base of nose to hairline.

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Mouth	(e) Bridge Curve - medium (f) Width of Bridge - wide (g) Width of Base - wide (h) Peculiarities - none (a) Size - medium to large (b) Shape - corners slightly depressed.
Chin	(c) Lips - thick and prominent upper lip (a) Profile View - medium chin with flabby throat (b) Front View - square
Teeth	Normal
Ears	(a) Size - large (b) Shape - oval (c) Position on head - low (d) Slope (Profile) - vertical (e) Slope (Full Face) - protruding (f) Upper Rim - large (g) Lower Rim - large (h) Lobe - short
Neck	Thick
Head	(a) Shape - large head for body (b) Angle - holds head to right
Face	(a) Complexion - ruddy (b) Shape - broad face (c) Expression - dull
Voice	(a) Quantity - low (b) Quality - husky (c) Rate of Speech - slow
Legs	Short, stocky
Gait	Trudging
Education	Admitted attendance 3 years at Kemper Military Academy, Booneville, Mo., did not graduate
Scars	Small cut scar 1", vertical, on forehead over right eye, barely visible
Peculiarities	Chain smokes cigarettes; drinks fifth of whiskey per day; uses narcotics of Benzedrine type
Occupation	Insurance Salesman; Automobile Salesman; Airplane Crop Duster; Liquor Store Owner, all in general vicinity St. Joseph, Mo.

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Marital Status Divorced from IRENE HOLMES HALL (1950). Prior to arrest was living with BONNIE HEADY

Immediate Relatives Father, JOHN HALL, deceased 1946, Pleasanton, Kansas
Mother, ZELLA HALL, deceased 1943, Pleasanton, Kansas
No brothers and sisters admitted

Nationality (a) Nationality or extraction - American and of American extraction
(b) Country of birth - Kansas City, Missouri

Fingerprint Classification 24 L 5 T 5
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Military Service Subject claims in U. S. Marine Corps 1938-1946

The following criminal record appears in HALL's fingerprint record, Identification Division, supported by fingerprints:

Contributor of Fingerprints	Name and Number	Arrested or Received	Charge	Disposition
SO Kans City Mo	Carl Austin Hall #11853	6-19-42	AWOL	
PD Milwaukee Wis	Carl Austin Hall #58672	5-14-51	Vag	5-21-51 dism
PD Kans City Mo	Carl Austin Hall #72134	9-16-51	Inv Robb	
SO Kans City Mo	Carl Austin Hall #23387	9-18-51	Reb. 1st Chgs CC 2 chgs	12-20-51 5 yrs Pen PG to each of 2 chgs to run cone
SP Jefferson City Mo	Carl Austin Hall #65592	1-29-52	PG robb 1st (2)	5 yrs (5,5,cc) (4-24-53 parole)

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The following is a description of subject BONNIE EMILY HEADY as determined from observation and interview:

Name	BONNIE EMILY HEADY, nee Brown, aka Mrs. Vernon Ellis Heady, aliases Esther Grant, E. Grant
Sex	Female
Race	White
Age	Born 7/15/12, Burlington Junction, Missouri
Residences	1201 South 35th Street, St. Joseph, Missouri
Height	5' 1"
Build	(a) Carriage - erect (b) Waist - plump (c) Posture - straight (d) General - short and plump
Hair	(a) Color - dark brown with red tint (b) Texture - coarse (c) Quantity - thick (d) Style - parted right side, off face pompadour, thick at nape of neck. (e) Hairline - rounded
Forehead	(a) Slope - vertical with slight slope (b) Height - low (c) Width - wide (d) Peculiarities - none
Eyes	(a) Color - brown (b) Size - small (c) Peculiarities - long eye lashes, wide set (d) Eyebrows - arched and plucked
Nose	(a) Line (Profile) - straight, almost bulbous (b) Base - horizontal (c) Projection - medium (d) Length - medium (e) Bridge Curve - medium (f) Width of Bridge - medium (g) Width of Base - Medium (h) Peculiarities - turned slightly to left

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Mouth	(a) Size - small and narrow (b) Shape - closed and straight (c) Lips - thin to medium
Chin	(a) Profile View - receding, flabby throat (b) Front View - medium, round
Teeth	Normal
Ears	(a) Size - large for size of head (b) Shape - triangular (half heart) (c) Position on head - low (d) Slope (Profile) - receding (e) Slope (Full Face) - close set (f) Upper Rim - large (g) Lower Rim - small (h) Lobe - descending
Neck	Short
Head	(a) Shape - round (b) Angle - holds head straight
Face	(a) Complexion - pale (b) Shape - round and full (c) Expression - pleasant
Voice	(a) Quantity - soft (b) Quality - refined (c) Rate of Speech - precise
Legs	Thin, small, straight
Gait	Calm, even
Education	One year Northwest Missouri State Teachers College, Maryville, Mo.
Scars	Scab on bridge of nose and bruise right forehead over eye as result of recent fall
Peculiarities	Drinks fifth of whiskey per day, sometimes goes without food for period of days.
Occupation	Prostitute, sales lady, housewife
Marital Status	Divorced Marysville, Mo. 1950, living with subject HALL prior to arrest.
Immediate Relatives	Father, FRENCH P. BROWN, deceased. Mother, MABEL CLUTTER BROWN, deceased. Aunt, Mrs. TROY BAKER, Chicago, Illinois.
Nationality	(a) Nationality or extraction - Americans of American heritage. (b) Country of birth - Burlington Junction, Missouri.
FBI Number	451594B
Criminal Record	No previous record.

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION OF THE SUBJECTS

CARL AUSTIN HALL

A record card of the City Hospital, St. Louis, Missouri, dated October 7, 1953, for CARL AUSTIN HALL, reflects he was brought to the receiving room at 3:15 a.m., gave the address of the Congress Hotel, and his occupation as salesman. The card reflects the history of his present condition as follows: "Picked up by Police. States he was a morphine addict taking Gr one fourth Q eight hours. No other evidence other than his word. Mentally clear eight hours ago." Physical examination reflected no definite needle puncture wound seen. Large pupils. Semi-comatose, crying and mumbling for water. Diagnosis acute alcoholism. Treatment given was 2 cc caffeine sodium benzoate to obtain history of only one one fourth grain morphine sodium taken per mouth. Doctor

Examining Physician, states he diagnosed HALL as under acute alcoholism, but showing no indications of morphine and no visible injuries, states HALL was semi comatose, very depressed, and no response without stimulant. administered caffeine sodium benzoate and upon questioning HALL admitted to having taken one one fourth grain by mouth but denied ever having taken more than this amount at any time. HALL during examination repeated over and over again in a mumbling voice, "I don't want the money."

Subject HALL was examined at the St. Louis Office of the FBI on October 7, 1953 at about 12:45 p.m. by Dr.

In a signed report by dated October 9, 1953 he advised that HALL's face and head revealed no external sign of injury, no redness, swelling, discoloration or abnormal prominence. Inspection of his scalp revealed no injury and there was no evidence of intracranial injury. In his report, gave an opinion stating that HALL was not intoxicated or under the influence of narcotics and he added that it was his opinion that HALL was capable of understanding questions and returning intelligent answers.

examined subject CARL AUSTIN HALL at the St. Louis City Jail and by letter dated October 13, 1953 the results of this physical examination are set forth:

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"October 13, 1953

" TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

"The above captioned was seen at 4:55 P.M. at the St. Louis City Jail. The patient was fully ambulatory, conscious and rational and alert. Patient had no specific complaint except that he felt that he could not eat, principally because, as he said, he was not interested in food. Patient returned intelligent answers to my inquiry concerning the state of his health.

"Inspection revealed the patient to appear to be well nourished and well hydrated. Further inspection revealed no external sign of injury to the patient's head or neck and no redness, swelling, discoloration or abnormal prominence about the scalp, face or neck. Patient stated that he had not fallen and that he had not been struck since I observed him on Wednesday, 10-7-53.

"Patient's blood pressure was 140/90. Pulse 92. Apical pulse was the exact equivalent of the radial pulse. There was no pulse deficit. Heard sounds of normal intensity and quality. Pulse 92. Rhythm good. Volume good. Examination of the pupils revealed them to be round and regular and to react to light. Knee kick reflexes were normal.

"CONCLUSION:

"At this examination the patient appeared to be in good health. I was unable to determine any condition or disease process that needed medical attention.

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Physical Examination of the Subjects - BONNIE EMILY HEADY b7c

Subject BONNIE HEADY was examined by [REDACTED] at the St. Louis Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on October 7, 1953 at about 12:15 P.M. In a signed report by [REDACTED] dated October 9, 1953, he advised that he found her to be conscious, rational and alert. His examination revealed an abrasion of the right side of the forehead and a small scab at the bridge of the nose. [REDACTED] gave an opinion that she was capable of understanding questions and making intelligent answers. He advised further that she was not suffering from the effects of trauma and that she was not at this examination intoxicated or under the influence of narcotics.

[REDACTED] examined subject, BONNIE EMILY HEADY at the St. Louis City Jail and by letter dated October 13, 1953 the results of this physical examination are set forth:

"October 13, 1953

"TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

"In re: Bonnie Brown Heady

"The above captioned was seen at the St. Louis City Jail where examination revealed her to be fully ambulatory, conscious and rational, alert and co-operative. Patient returned intelligent answers when questioned about her health status.

"Examination of patient's head revealed the abrasion of the scalp noted on previous examination dated Wednesday 10-7-53, to be completely healed and the scab formation present that date to have completely fallen away. A small scab remained on the abrasion of the nose. Examination again revealed no unusual tenderness in this area, no evidence of fracture of the nasal bones. The pupils reacted to light. Inspection of the nose and throat revealed no abnormalities though the patient claimed that the right side of her throat felt sore.

"Blood pressure 122/88. Pulse 108 per minute. The rate was regular and the radial pulse was equivalent to the apical pulse. Heart sounds were of normal intensity and quality. Breath sounds were normal. Temperature 99 degrees. Patient was well hydrated and well nourished.

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"CONCLUSION:

"It is my opinion following examination that this patient is in an excellent state of health and not in need of medical attention at this time.

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This report has been prepared for the purpose of setting forth subjects' participation in the murder of the victim, pick-up of ransom money and subsequent activities until the time of their arrests. Results of investigative efforts to locate the missing money will be incorporated in a subsequent report.

The section pertaining to physical evidence recovered includes items which at this state of the investigation may not actually constitute evidence. The items, however, have been included inasmuch as subsequent investigation may disclose otherwise.

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THE ST. LOUIS OFFICE

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI:

Will continue to afford this case the most vigorous and exhaustive investigative attention in an effort to locate the missing ransom money.

INFORMANT

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REFERENCE

Bureau teletype to all SACs dated 9/29/53.